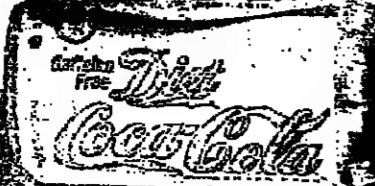


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August CPI up 0.4%; housing down 0.8%

DAVID HARRIS

THE Consumer Price Index rose by 0.4 percent in August...

The main price hikes last month were for fruit and vegetables...

The predicted rate of inflation for 1996 is between 11 and 12%.

Housing prices went down 0.8%, comprising decreases of 0.9% on homes purchased and 0.5% on rental properties.

However, bills for the upkeep of homes rose by an average 1.1%.

Clothing and footwear recorded an average decrease in cost of 2.8%.

Food prices rose by some 0.4%, including confectioneries (1.2%), flour (2.1%), cocoa (4.5%)...

Following several months of reductions in price, fruit and vegetables went up by 4.3%.

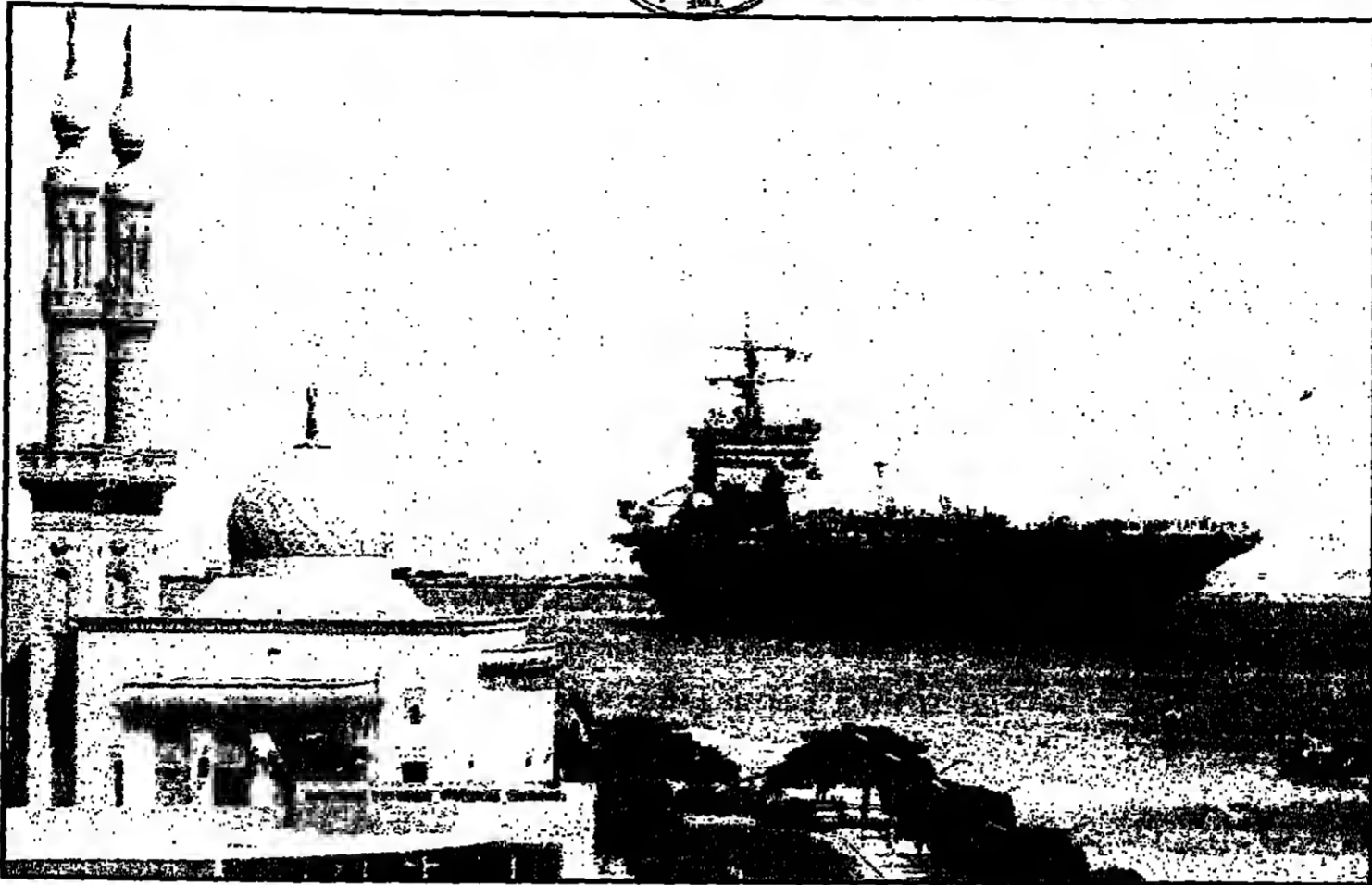
The Labor Party said Friday that the low CPI increase, which it said is the result of the previous government's policies...

Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper, however, said the relatively low increase in the August's CPI is not the result of the government's monetary policy...

Propper called for an additional NIS 1 billion cut from this year's budget and for the government to keep to its planned NIS 4.9b. cut next year.

Hisadnat Chairman Amir Peretz said the low increase was good news, but warned that unless more was done to increase investment and growth...

Item contributed to this report



The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise sails through the Suez Canal yesterday on its voyage from the Adriatic to the Persian Gulf where it will join other forces patrolling the region.

US wants more troops in Kuwait

KUWAIT (Reuter) - The United States yesterday held out the possibility of more strikes on Iraq and asked Kuwait to accept additional American troops on its soil...

US Defense Secretary William Perry told a news conference in Kuwait that the US "will take whatever action is necessary" to enforce an expanded southern Iraqi no-fly zone...

"We will not tolerate this threat to our pilots," Perry said, adding Washington stood "shoulder to shoulder" with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during heightened tension with Baghdad.

Perry is on a visit to the Gulf to try to rally the Gulf War alliance against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein following Iraqi missile attacks against US planes patrolling the no-fly zone.

Perry said he had asked Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah, for permission to proceed with a plan announced by Washington on Friday to deploy several thousand more US troops in the Gulf state.

The emir had replied that Kuwait would give its reply after

Kuwait's Supreme Defense Council discussed it, Perry added. Defense Minister Sheikh Ahmad Hamour al-Jaber al-Sabah told Reuters in the early evening that the government had not yet made a decision on the American request.

Perry's remarks about the troop deployment request raised speculation among some Kuwaitis that their leaders may have had doubts about the wisdom of hosting more US forces at a time when many Arab states have criticized US strikes on Iraq.

They noted Washington normally unveils its plans for military reinforcements in the volatile Gulf only after first obtaining the host government's permission in private contacts.

Kuwait, grateful to Washington for leading the 1991 Gulf War that liberated it from a seven-month Iraqi occupation, is so far the only Arab country to support Washington in its latest standoff with Saddam.

But President Bill Clinton told reporters in the US: "What happened was that the decision on the movements that we had made actually became public before we had done our regular consultation and the Kuwaitis had done their

regular review... There is nothing irregular or troubling here."

In Kuwait, diplomats agreed that Perry's remarks reflected a simple error of timing - Washington mistakenly announced the deployment before Kuwait had been asked to approve it.

Perry dismissed a pledge by Iraq on Friday to abandon attacks on US patrolling the Western-imposed zone, saying: "We cannot rely on Saddam Hussein's promises."

Asked if more US strikes against Iraq were still possible, Perry said: "Yes, it is still a possibility."

Perry added he had ordered a

battery of Scud-busting Patriot missiles to Kuwait to strengthen its air defenses.

Military sources say Kuwait over the past year has taken delivery of some of the hundreds of Patriots it ordered after the 1991 Gulf War but these are not yet fully operational.

Perry said Saddam posed a danger not only in northern Iraq, where his forces attacked Kurds last month, but could also "move to coerce or even attack his neighbors to the south."

Security at the news conference was tight. US guards milled around Perry with machine guns poking from their clothes.

Arab states threaten to freeze ties

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ARAB foreign ministers meeting in Cairo, warned Israel yesterday that they would freeze ties if there is no progress in the peace process.

The Arab League meeting called on Qatar, Oman, Tunisia and Morocco to reevaluate their relations with Israel, according to a Channel 1 report last night.

"These are independent countries capable of evaluating their national interests very well. External pressure does not serve the interests of the peace process. It has precisely the opposite effect," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold said in response.

Ministers at the two-day Arab League meeting repeatedly warned that a collapse in the peace process is imminent.

"There has been a unanimous demand to tie relations with Israel to progress on the peace process," Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara said outside the meeting.

"Israel is wrecking the peace process and the basis on which it was established," he said.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office last night described these statements as "maneuvers of pressure that are counterproductive to the peace process. Israel will not act under pressure."

In June, a summit of Arab leaders in Cairo warned that Arab states would reconsider their role in the peace process and economic ties with Israel if it did not stick to the principle of trading land for peace.

Little progress has occurred since then. Negotiations with the Palestinians have gone nowhere despite a meeting between

Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat. Peace talks with Lebanon and Syria, meanwhile, have not resumed.

While not detailing the steps to be taken, Arab officials have suggested boycotting multilateral talks between Israel and Arab countries. That, however, will apparently not include the economic summit in Cairo scheduled for November 12-14. Despite earlier threats, Egyptian officials now say that conference will be convened as scheduled.

"The Arab states need the multilateral meetings more than Israel does. By withdrawing they are harming themselves more than they can harm Israel," a source in the Prime Minister's Office said last night.

Netanyahu also dismissed the threats to end regional cooperation.

"We are not taking these things seriously," he said yesterday in an interview with Israel Radio. "I don't recommend anyone use these tools against us. It will not help."

Arafat complained Saturday that Israel was only play-acting at peace and was not serious about implementing agreements it had made with the PLO.

"There is an impasse not only on the Palestinian track but the Syrian and Lebanese tracks, where nothing has been implemented concerning the agreements signed and agreed upon," Arafat told reporters at the Arab summit.

"There is an attempt only to make a political show, to give the impression that there is a tendency from the Israelis to move in the

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Dassy Rabinowitz, subject of cancer treatment scandal, dies

DASSY Rabinowitz, 19, the cancer patient from Eilat who made headlines this summer after she and her family complained that Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital hematology department chairman Prof. Eliezer Rachmilevich refused to treat her, died Friday night at her home.

Rabinowitz, who died after a two-year battle with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, was buried last night at the Kfar Etzion cemetery.

The incident occurred in May, when Rabinowitz was refused an emergency blood transfusion by Hadassah, where Rachmilevich had been treating her. Hospital staffers said they had been ordered by Rachmilevich to refuse her further treatment, after the family had gone to Rambam Hospital in Haifa for a second opinion. The transfusion was done by Shaare Zedek Hospital instead.

After the incident was reported in Ma'ariv Rachmilevich denied Dassy had been refused treatment out of spite, saying it was because the hospital lacked information on the type of treatment she had undergone at Rambam Hospital. But a Health Ministry investigat-

ing team concluded in July that the Rabinowitzs' complaint "was correct in all its details."

Following the receipt of that report, Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi appointed an official committee to examine whether Rachmilevich's behavior was in breach of his license or violated the law. It is due to complete its investigation next month. Rachmilevich is currently on leave from the hospital.

A family friend said Rabinowitz had been released from the hospital to her home about a week ago.

"On Friday evening she felt she was slipping away, and said goodbye to her family. She was a girl who touched so many people, who volunteered all the time, who despite the treatments and chemotherapy volunteered at the Zichron Menachem camp for children with cancer.

"Only a month ago, while she was full of morphine, she took her driving test. She said: 'If all my girlfriends can do it, I can.'"

Rabinowitz was a graduate of the Neveh Hanna High School in Gush Etzion. She is survived by her parents and four siblings. (Titim)

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# Netanyahu: We don't adapt our interests to fit ties with US

THE government would rather strain relations with the US than concede too much territory, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a Rosh Hashana interview broadcast yesterday.

"Although relations with the United States is a strategic asset of utmost importance, it is not the supreme asset of the State of Israel," Netanyahu told Israel Radio.

"The supreme asset is our security. The supreme asset is things holy to us, like Jerusalem," said Netanyahu, in a pre-taped interview. "If an administration of the US comes and says give all this up in exchange for relations with the US, I will not give them up."

He said he viewed Israeli oppo-

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tion to certain Palestinian goals, including the return of Arab refugees to ancestral homes within the Green Line, as also among his nation's "supreme assets."

Netanyahu said he had made it clear in talks with President Bill Clinton that "our policy is not to create any limitation on existing Jewish settlement, and if we decide on new settlements, it will not come as a surprise."

Citing a precedent for resistance to White House arm-twisting, he described then-president Ronald Reagan's displeasure over Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

"This friendly administration,

this friendly president imposed sanctions on us, such as suspending delivery of F-16 fighters.

"We didn't say, 'There's nothing we can do'...we acted to convince them, first of all, that their step was a mistake."

"We also activated our ties with various elements in the US, in order to stand up to the pressure," he said, in an apparent reference to the pro-Israel lobby in the United States.

Netanyahu pledged to "do my best" to reach understandings with Clinton and the US Congress, but was careful to add: "I make our work with the United States fit our interests, and do not adapt our interests to fit our ties with the US."



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his wife, Sara, and their children, Yair and Avner, take a holiday stroll in Kibbutz Hagoshrim in the Upper Galilee yesterday, accompanied by police and security men.

## Army continues to monitor Syrian troop movements IDF detects no significant change over holiday

THE IDF continues to monitor Syrian troop deployments in Lebanon and Syria, but there were no significant changes over the weekend, sources said.

The IDF has adjusted its intelligence gathering along the Lebanese and Syrian borders, but sources stressed that there were no abrupt movements.

Syrian troops have been re-deploying in Lebanon for the past few weeks and have pulled out of landmark positions in and around Beirut.

Syria has about 30,000 troops in Lebanon.

Most of the re-deployed troops have taken up positions in the

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mountain range on the Syrian border where the Syrian army has SAM-7 anti-aircraft missiles and anti-aircraft gun batteries installed, Lebanese security sources, quoted by Reuters, said.

They said that Beirut newspaper reports that 20,000 Syrian soldiers had already moved from Beirut, the central Lebanese mountains and other regions toward the Syrian border were exaggerated.

The conservative daily *an-Nahar* and its French-language sister newspaper *L'Orient-Le Jour* said the troops had taken up posi-

tions in the range to protect anti-aircraft installations.

The Syrian troop movements started last month when the troops evacuated a number of positions in the mountains of central Lebanon in what Lebanese security sources announced was a defensive redeployment after apparent Israeli threats to attack Syrian forces in Lebanon.

Despite the pullouts, armed Syrian troops are still stationed in the Lebanese capital.

These Syrian troops are highly visible in some areas, including Shi'ite Muslim suburbs that are a stronghold of the pro-Iranian Hizbullah.

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Israeli proposal and urged a united Arab stand to face the "dangerous alternatives resulting from the failure of Netanyahu's plan."

"To continue misleading the world and America he [Netanyahu] tried in his latest visit to use new ways to propose the idea... saying that there is a draft plan to resume the talks," *al-Thawra* said.

"This draft is based on a strange set up, words and understandings, and what is strange is that the US agrees and tries to market it as if it

## Syria repeats rejection of proposal to restart talks

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had nothing to do with the peace process," it said.

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## Low election turnout threatens Hizbullah

BAALBEK, Lebanon (Reuters) — Low turnout yesterday in the eastern Bekaa Valley appeared to threaten Hizbullah with a new setback in the final round of voting in Lebanon's parliamentary election.

Shortly after polls closed at 5:00 p.m., the Interior Ministry said a preliminary count showed that about 37 percent of the 410,000 voters cast their ballots. Results are expected today.

The Bekaa is a stronghold of Hizbullah. It was electing the last 23 members to the 128-member parliament after voting in Mount Lebanon, the north, Beirut and the

south on the past four Sundays.

The Lebanese Association for the Democracy of Elections (LADE), an independent watchdog, reported many irregularities in the poll. "It reported widespread abuses in the earlier rounds."

A pro-government list of six ministers, parliamentary deputies and candidates of Hizbullah and Amal, Lebanon's two main rival Shi'ite Muslim movements, was expected to win most of the seats. It was challenged by a 10-man leftist ticket headed by communist party head Fawzi Dharouje and a six-man list of independents.

The low turnout appeared to threaten the chances of a Maronite Christian and a Sunni Muslim candidate that Hizbullah was backing on the pro-government list besides three of its own candidates, local poll observers said.

Hizbullah lost two of its eight parliamentary seats in earlier rounds and losses by two supporters in the Bekaa would be another damaging blow.

Christians, who total over 25 percent of Bekaa voters, were either refusing to vote or were crossing Hizbullah and its supporters off their ballot papers.

"Hizbullah candidates are being deleted. We still don't know how widely practiced this has been but there is evident deletion of our candidates' names," Hizbullah deputy Khodr Tleis told Reuters.

Local observers said Bekaa Christians were angry because a Maronite Christian on the pro-government list was chosen by Hizbullah under an election deal brokered by Syria.

They were also showing dislike for President Elias Hrawi, a pro-Syrian Maronite from the Bekaa. Hrawi's son Roy failed to win election in the last elections in 1992.

## Pregnant woman killed as husband swerves to avoid cow

A PREGNANT 29-year-old woman was killed Saturday when her husband swerved their car off the road near Tiberias to avoid hitting a cow.

The car overturned, killing Oshrat Debar of Hod Hasharon, and injuring her husband, Shilo, 28, and another passenger, Zohar Kadmon, 25.

Two other people were killed and 16 injured, severely, in other weekend traffic accidents.

Saturday afternoon a Palestinian man was killed and nine people were injured, one seriously, when a commercial vehicle overturned on the Efrat-Hebron road. The van flipped over near the Gush Etzion junction, and the injured were taken to Beihlehem region hospitals for treatment.

Kobi Malka, 18, of Givatayim was killed Friday night when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a truck. Police are seeking witnesses to the accident, who are asked to call 03-5124606.

A scooter driver was seriously hurt in Herzliya in a collision with a car, and taken to Kfar Sava's Meir Hospital. A motorcyclist was also seriously injured when he collided with a vehicle. He was taken to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv.

Yesterday afternoon, a 12-year-old Netanya girl was very seriously hurt when she was hit by a car that was passing illegally. She was taken to Beilinson Hospital for treatment, and the 19-year-old driver was arrested and his license revoked.

Two soldiers were seriously hurt yesterday morning when the driver of a bus apparently ran a stop sign and crashed into their car. Yossef Gil, 20, of Givatayim and Ya'acov Mizrahi, 20, of Ashdod were taken to Sheba Hospital.

Friday morning, one man was seriously hurt and the other lightly injured when a car collided with a taxi in Ashdod.

## Nurses call one-day strike tomorrow

JUDY SIEGEL

NURSES in all the public hospitals will hold a one-day strike tomorrow, closing down outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes and severely reducing services in the operating rooms and the wards.

The strike will affect all public hospitals — those owned by the Health Ministry, Kupat Holim Clalit, and voluntary organizations (such as Hadassah and Shaare Zedek in Jerusalem).

The only public hospital whose nurses will not be striking is Laniado in Netanya, as staff have a no-strike clause in their contract at the bidding of the rebbe who founded the hospital.

Operating rooms will accept only emergency cases. Neonatal, oncology, dialysis, obstetrics and fertility units will function on a reduced schedule, while intensive care units will operate on a night schedule.

The Tel Aviv Regional Labor Court on Friday gave the nurses permission to hold the strike and rejected out of hand the government's request for temporary restraining orders.

Judge Sara Meiri said the strike

was legal. The union has for many months been demanding an increase in nurses' job slots to cope with the growing burden of patients.

The nurses are currently working according to a job-slot standard set in 1982/3.

Since then 700,000 new immigrants and native-born Israelis have been added to the population, treatments have become high-tech and much more sophisticated and the number of chronically ill patients has increased, according to union chief Ilana Cohen.

Meiri said the court was aware of the distress the strike could cause patients, but she stressed that it was less than that caused by the lack of adequate manpower in the wards.

After the 24-hour warning strike, the union may meet again and decide on additional single days of work action.

The judge said that if they wanted to launch a longer strike, they would have to inform their employers seven days in advance. The Health Ministry did not comment last night.

## Police call off search for Edri

POLICE have decided to not renew the searches today for missing soldier Sharon Edri of Moshav Zanoah, who has been missing since last Monday.

However, police will continue to collect intelligence information in an attempt to locate him.

Police sources admitted that there is a growing fear for Edri's life.

The searches were stopped on Friday afternoon. During Rosh Hashana, Beit Shemesh police operated a field unit that attempted to collect information, but no new clues were found.

The police said that since extensive searches were conducted between Zanoah, near Beit Shemesh, and the Tzrifio Army base, where he was last seen, it was decided not to renew the searches.

Anyone who may have any information, however, is asked to call the nearest police station.

"If anyone is holding my son

Sharon, I beg of him to have mercy on me and on him and return him home," Edri's mother, Hanna, said on Friday.

"Every day has been a terror," she said.

Hanna Edri explained that her son had a Bezeq phone card, would call home at least once a day, and was especially careful to call home if he knew he would be delayed coming home.

"Sharon was a good boy. He would never let me worry so long this way," she said, in response to speculation last week that he may have gone into hiding following a dispute with the commander of his Nahal unit.

She said she believed he had been kidnapped, although she had received no message from anyone or any ransom demands.

She praised the police for its work, saying she believed every effort was being made to find her son.

## Palestinians: We'll reopen Hebron market today

PALESTINIAN officials met yesterday in Hebron and decided to reopen a market in the town closed since 1994, when Baruch Goldstein shot dead 29 Arab worshippers at the nearby Machpela Cave.

"We will go on Monday and we will reopen shops there," said Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natsh. "The Tabu agreement we signed last year with Israel says it should be reopened, but Israel keeps delaying. Israel does not implement what was agreed upon."

The fruit and vegetable market is situated on the Avraham Avinu section, where some two dozen Jewish families live. After the meeting, Palestinian officials said they anticipated problems today reopening the market.

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## Shahak to France for official visit

ELDAD BECK PARIS

CHIEF of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak is expected to arrive soon in Paris for a four-day official visit to France.

He will be a guest of his French counterpart, Chief of Staff Philippe Douen. Douen visited Israel in January.

The invitation was delivered to Shahak in July, during the same week that French Defense Minister Charles Millon announced the postponement of his scheduled trip to Israel that was supposed to take place this

past summer. Millon at the time linked future development of defense and military ties between the two countries to progress in the peace process.

Israeli sources in Paris, however, said that the fact that the invitation to Shahak was delivered at that time shows that France has no intention of lowering the profile of its military contacts with Israel.

and that Millon's "warning" was an isolated incident.

Shahak, moreover, paid a short, unofficial visit to France in July, crossing over from Belgium to visit the Eurosatory '96 international arms show, in which Israel was participating for the first time, and to meet his French counterpart.

During this visit, Shahak is due to hold talks with heads of France's military establishment and to visit bases of French elite units.

## Mekorot proposing desalination plant in Haifa

DAVID RUDGE

MEKOROT is proposing the establishment of a desalination plant in the Haifa bayside district to help overcome a severe shortage of drinking water in the region.

The proposed plant would cost around NIS 7 million and would produce two million cubic meters of fresh water a year drawn from saline wells in the Kurdani and

Afeq areas.

Mekorot experts have already drawn up the plans and submitted them to local and regional authorities in the hope they will be approved quickly and work on the project can start soon.

Water company officials said the

shortage of fresh water in the region had been foreseen as far back as the 1970's, but had been exacerbated by the rapid growth of the population in Haifa, the bayside suburbs and Western Galilee in the past few years.

The officials said Mekorot was forced to stop pumping water from several existing wells in the region.

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right direction, while on the ground there is nothing concrete in our hands," he added.

Arafat requested the Arab League meeting to air his grievances against Netanyahu.

"This was an important opportunity to put my Arab brothers in the picture regarding the dangerous circumstances that we are going through and that directly affect the peace process," Arafat said.

"I also told them about attempts by Israel to freeze implementation of what was agreed upon and its [Israel's] making do with meetings that only have a political

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Medal of valor given to colonel suspended in 'dehydration trial'

Arieh O'Sullivan

The colonel who was given a suspended sentence in the much publicized court-martial over the dehydration death of two commandos has been given a citation for valor for leading courageous operations in Lebanon.

OC Northern Command Major Gen. Amiram Levine honored Col. Amos Ben-Avraham and the Golani reconnaissance unit for a series of intensive operations in Lebanon, including raids into areas controlled by Hizbullah, the army said.

The army's decision, to honor Ben-Avraham comes after his court-martial last month, in which Ben-Avraham and two other officers were found guilty of causing the death by negligence of two soldiers in a training accident four years ago.

Top army brass warned the court that any grave punishment would likely cause officers in the field to shirk from taking responsibility, thus weakening the IDF.

The court subsequently gave Ben-Avraham a 90-day suspended sentence.

During his trial, a string of top generals, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, testified as character witnesses for Ben-Avraham.

Levine, who also spoke highly of Ben-Avraham, decided to bestow the honor on the colonel after the medal committee recommended he be recognized for initiative, leadership and extraordinary personal example as a brigade commander in the north-eastern sector of the Galilee.

"Col. Ben-Avraham initiated, led and commanded troops in a large portion of the firefight in the sector," according to an IDF statement.

Levine also extended the honor to the Golani reconnaissance unit for carrying out a complicated deep penetration raid into enemy territory in Lebanon last November.

The army said that the unit successfully maneuvered through a densely populated area controlled by Hizbullah and carried out a pinpoint operation.

The army declined to give further details.

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# Pro-US Kurds flee to Turkey



Iraqi Kurds and their families carry their belongings across the Habur bridge yesterday to enter Turkey. Most of the evacuees leave worked as employees of US aid programs and military groups.

HUNDREDS of Kurds clutching suitcases crossed the Turkish border yesterday at the start of an evacuation by pro-US Iraqis who fear Baghdad's increased influence in northern Iraq, witnesses said. The Kurds, brought to the border in a fleet of battered buses and jeeps, walked across the Habur bridge crossing for passage to Turkey from where they were to be processed for asylum in the United States. "I feel great. I just want to get across that bridge," said a refugee who identified himself only as Moyyad. A Turkish man waited on the other side of the border. As many as 2,500 Iraqi Kurds were to be relocated to a camp in the Turkish town of Silopi. Most worked as employees of US aid programs and the US-led air operation patrolling a no-fly zone for Iraqi aircraft in northern Iraq. But some are believed to have been engaged in intelligence activities for the Americans. Witnesses said more than 200 Kurds were put up at a camp inside Turkey. "We look forward to having them transmitted from Turkey very quickly," US diplomat Frank Ricciardoni told Reuters Television. The Kurds had been holed up in

**KURT SCHORK**  
ZAKHO, Iraq  
small hotels and private residences waiting to escape since Iraqi troops helped the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) faction take the city of Arbil from a rival group late last month. The KDP, led by Massoud Barzani, went on to conquer most of northern Iraq and boost Saddam's prestige in a region where he had been ineffective for the past five years. The US-led force has been patrolling northern Iraq since after the Gulf War in 1991. Baghdad announced on Friday it would suspend missile attacks on intruding planes after Washington began a military build up in response to a failed missile strike on US planes over northern Iraq last week. Among the Iraqis to be ferried out were administrators, drivers and messengers who had worked for Washington in the region. They were to take their families with them. "The last 10 days have been like 10 years," said Moyyad, who had been waiting in a house with 17 other people in Dohuk, about 50 km south of the border. "The children are naughty, my wife is sick and I have been smoking three packs of cigarettes a day and feeling chest pains. All of this is from the strain," Moyyad said. About 250 members of the Iraqi National Congress, a US-funded group dedicated to the overthrow of Saddam, were also set to cross the border in the next few days. The Washington Post said yesterday that the US Central Intelligence Agency had spent about \$100 million since 1991 to oust Saddam, with very little to show for its efforts. The paper said the CIA had funded dissident Kurds and Iraqis, enabling them to buy light arms and ammunition, communications gear, publishing materials, broadcasting equipment, cars, trucks, food and medicine. US citizens in government programs in Iraqi Kurdistan were evacuated shortly after a round of Kurdish fighting broke out in Arbil on August 31. Some private aid workers, however, chose to stay behind. Officials of the Baghdad-backed KDP are reluctant to see so many of the region's skilled people leave and say the refugees' fears of a return by Saddam's forces are unfounded. (Reuters)

## Bossi declares secession of northern Italy

VENICE (AP) - Before tens of thousands of cheering followers, secessionist leader Umberto Bossi declared northern Italy yesterday a separate nation, his sharpest provocation yet of the political establishment that he accuses of crushing the wealthy region. "We, the peoples of Padania, solemnly proclaim: Padania is an independent and sovereign federal republic," Bossi read to the crowd packed along the banks of the lagoon near the mouth of the Grand Canal. More than 50,000 "leghisti," as Bossi's Northern League backers are known, flocked to the rally. The declaration condemned the Italian state for "colonial oppression, economic exploitation and moral violence" and denounced Rome for using the north's resources for "Mafia-like welfare for the South." "I feel free of Rome," said Andrea Dalla Vecchia, 21, who came from northern Italy to see Bossi. Earlier, Premier Romano Prodi, speaking elsewhere in the north, declared that "unity and autonomy must travel together in our country." But his government's pledge to put Italy on the path to federalism hasn't gotten very far. Bossi, in his gravelly voice,

somberly read out the independence declaration after arriving in a catamaran across the lagoon. Sunday's appointment drew the biggest crowd in three days of League independence protests. Scores of events were held along the mighty Po River, which runs through the rich industrial and agricultural heartland of northern Italy. But until the Venice appointment, no more than hundreds of people, thousands in some cases, showed up at the events. The League had predicted over 1.5 million people would show up. In Venice, more than 4,000 police were on hand to control the crowds. Besides League sympathizers and the usual mass of tourists, a soccer game drew thousands of fans. Leftist Mayor Massimo Cacciari invited citizens to stay home. Boos and catcalls went up from League followers when a woman hung an Italian flag from her window overlooking the rally. She responded with a rude gesture and left the banner hanging. A major counter-protest organized in Milan by the right-wing National Alliance drew some 100,000 people, who waved Italian flags and listened to the national anthem.

## OSCE observes 'fair' Bosnian elections, questions Moslem protest

INTERNATIONAL supervisors of Bosnia's first post-war elections said yesterday that independent monitors found them largely free and fair, all but dismissing a Moslem refusal to accept results from Serb areas. France and Germany joined Richard Holbrooke, US architect of Bosnia's peace process who witnessed Saturday's polling, in praising the elections, piling pressure on the Moslems to drop their challenge over alleged Serb ballot fraud. Bosnian Serbs responded to the Moslems' move by ordering local election committees to stop counting votes in Serb areas, for which tens of

thousands of Moslem refugees cast ballots. But the counting resumed a few hours later following intervention by the election overseers, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). International sponsors had braced for post-election protests and obstruction by Bosnian factions still polarized after 43 months of war, and said they were confident disputes would be ironed out in coming days. The OSCE said all of Bosnia's factions knew in advance the elections would not be perfect and the

**MARK HEINRICH**  
SARAJEVO  
preliminary evidence gave no cause to annul the results in any of Bosnia's divided Moslem, Croat and Serb-dominated sectors. "They were almost entirely free of abuse. The international [OSCE-affiliated] observers, according to our preliminary reports, have been well satisfied with the arrangements they observed," said OSCE spokeswoman Agota Kuperman. "All major political parties including the [Moslem] SDA agreed to participate in these elections, know-

ing full well that a state of perfection in so far as political behavior is concerned had not been achieved." Preliminary results from balloting for a three-person Bosnian presidency from Moslem, Serb and Croat communities as well as inter-ethnic parliaments are due today. An international monitors' report will influence a decision later this month on whether to certify the results. Steps to form power-sharing institutions and pass a 1997 budget would then begin. The protest by Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic's Party of Democratic Action was addressed to

the UN Security Council, ultimate arbiter of Bosnia's peace process, but Holbrooke and other international officials shrugged it off. "We always knew there would be protests about the elections... But this was a general protest clearly [drafted] before the elections," Holbrooke told reporters in Sarajevo yesterday. "It is not a big deal." Izetbegovic issued a statement later citing "reports of serious irregularities" in Serb-area voting but strikingly made no mention of the SDA's vow not to recognize the results. (Reuters)

## Afghanistan government jets bomb Jalalabad

JALALABAD, Afghanistan (AP) - Government jets launched a punishing air strike yesterday on the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, destroying several buildings and sending thousands of terrified residents fleeing the city. Six people were killed in the attack, said doctors at Jalalabad General Hospital. Dozens more were injured. The hospital, a shabby white-washed cement building, was overwhelmed with wounded. Patients lay moaning in cots that lined the corridors. Doctors scrambled from one patient to the other, administering medicine, cleaning wounds, issuing orders. The local anesthetic barely had time to take effect before doctors began digging out shrapnel. "They just keep coming in. They have head wounds, fractures, internal bleeding... all from the bombing," said hospital nursing director, Mohammed Shakir. Families knelt beside their

wounded relatives. Fathers comforted screaming children. Space was at a premium and the smallest patients shared a cot. In one bed a mother and son lay side by side. One of the bombs had landed near her flimsy home spraying shrapnel everywhere. "I just grabbed him. He was screaming. I was screaming. Our neighbors helped us," said Pasha Begum. Outside bloodied stretchers were stacked against the hospital emergency ward to greet the wounded who arrived by horse-drawn cart, motorized rickshaws and in buses. Some carried their wounded on their back. Others came to retrieve their

dead. A bus full of weeping burqa-clad women and howling children watched as the body of a relative wrapped in a bloody shroud was hoisted onto the bus to be taken home to be buried. At least one of the jets, screaming down on the city in a nose dive, dropped its load near Jalalabad's historic Winter Palace, where hundreds of rebel troops have been camped out since capturing the city on Wednesday. Rebel forces have used the palace and the Governor's Mansion as their headquarters since marching into Jalalabad. The bombing run destroyed three buildings in the city 75 kilometers

from the Pakistani border. One bomb landed near one of the city's only functioning hotels, used by the staff of many international aid agencies. "I just ran for cover," said Colby Leslie, Santim-Eddy, a military advisor with the United Nations Special Mission for Afghanistan, "I divided for cover between the beds.

## Chechen rebels prepared to renew fighting

MOSCOW (AP) - Chechen separatists are ready to resume fighting when necessary as the peace process comes under increasing strain, the rebels' military commander said in remarks televised yesterday. Asian Maskhadov, who signed a series of accords last month with Russian security chief Alexander Lebed, said it's not clear whether the three-week-old peace will hold. "It's very fragile," Maskhadov said in an interview aired on the NTV program of Russia's independent television. "The situation depends on how politicians in Moscow work it out amongst themselves." He noted that he had already signed several agreements with the Russians. Fighting in the Caucasus Mountains republic came to a virtual halt August 23 when a truce was agreed to and the warring sides began pulling their forces out of the

capital Grozny. But efforts to arrange a lasting settlement to the 21-month-old conflict have bogged down due to resistance in Moscow to the peace deal, which calls for Chechnya to vote in 2001 on whether to become independent. Families knelt beside their

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Algerian president pledges election in '97

PARIS (Reuters) - Algerian President Liamine Zeroual vowed yesterday that general elections would be held early next year as part of a pact aimed at ending the nation's crisis and bloodshed.

He offered clemency to "mistaken" Muslim fundamentalists whose anger at being thwarted in a similar poll five years ago plunged the North African country into violence.

He reiterated his promise of a constitutional referendum this year to bar the use of religion and language as political weapons, and said local elections would be held in 1997.

Gunmen wound two policemen in southern Egypt

ASSIUT, Egypt (Reuters) - Gunmen thought to be Islamist militants shot and wounded two policemen on duty in southern Egypt yesterday, security sources said.

It was the fifth militant operation in the area in the last three days. Eleven people have been killed in the attacks, which mark the most violent episode there in months.



A Mitsubishi Motor's worker relaxes yesterday in a mobile outdoor hot spring vehicle in Japan. The vehicle, which won a design contest prize, is meant for Japanese workaholics who want to take a hot spring bath, without the need of extra travel, to easily recover from the stress of work.

New Surinam president to seek help from ex-foes

ARAMARIBO, Surinam (Reuters) - Surinam's new president, Jules Wijdenbosch, who is backed by former military strongman Desi Bouterse, took office yesterday and vowed to seek cooperation with his former political foes.

ing talks with society leaders to work on a longer-term program. Wijdenbosch, who held key posts in Bouterse's military governments of the 1980s, said the crisis project would tackle rising crime, housing shortages, education and infrastructure.

Jewish businessman settles lawsuit with Argentina

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A Jewish businessman who was tortured and stripped of his wealth in Argentina settled a human rights lawsuit against the government in Buenos Aires, his lawyer said.

teeth knocked out, and warned him to leave his home or die. Siderman and his wife, Lea, fled to America, abandoning a flooring business and luxury hotel worth \$26.4 million.

Academics charge Britain with 42 rights violations

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain is guilty of at least 42 violations of international human rights conventions, with a particularly poor record on privacy and assuring citizens equal protection under the law, academics announced today.

The review looked at Britain's compliance with accords it has signed such as the European Convention on Human Rights and the United Nations International Convention on Civil and Political Rights.

British royals meet to discuss their future

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's royal family, buffeted by scandal and divorce, met yesterday to try to restore its tarnished image.

as expensive appendages living off taxpayers' money. The queen, one of the world's richest women with a personal fortune of £158 million (\$244 million), has already sought to counter criticism by offering in 1992 to pay income tax for the first time.

O.J. Simpson: The public supports me

BOSTON (AP) - With his civil trial on wrongful death charges set to begin tomorrow, O.J. Simpson says he "feels as good about myself as I have ever felt" and insists he enjoys strong public support.

don't focus on the negative America, I focus on positive. I always have, my whole life." The former football star said he had no plans to move abroad, saying: "I'm an American and I love my country."

Advertisement for the Israel Ports and Railways Authority ("PRA") inviting consulting firms to participate in tenders for port expansion projects. It lists two specific tenders and provides contact information for the PRA.

Advertisement for LIBI - the Fund for Strengthening Israel's Defense. It highlights a recent increase in donations and provides contact details for the fund's office.

Advertisement from the Ministry of Finance for a tender to provide car insurance for government employees in 1997. It lists specific conditions for bidders and the deadline for submissions.

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# The 'bottled promise' of beautiful women

FILM REVIEW  
ADINA HOFFMAN

### BEAUTIFUL GIRLS

★★★★

Directed by Ted Demme. Screenplay by Scott Rosenberg. Hebrew title: *Be'atzer Yafot*, 112 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.

With Matt Dillon, Mira Sorvino, Timothy Hutton, Uma Thurman, Michael Rapaport, Rosie O'Donnell, Martha Plimpton, Lauren Holly and Natalie Portman.

SET on the weekend of a high-school reunion in a snowy Massachusetts town, *Beautiful Girls* doesn't really center on the pretty women of its title, but on a gang of working-class guys in their late 20s, each of whom seems trapped in his own fatally desperate way between the familiar patterns of adolescence and a scarier, unknown future. Tommy (Matt Dillon) runs a plowing business and has a girlfriend (Mira Sorvino) who loves him; meanwhile, he's still carrying on an affair with his witty high-school sweetheart (Lauren Holly), who is now married and a mother. Dim-witted Paul (Michael Rapaport) works with Tommy and sleeps in a room that he's plastered with magazine cut-outs of

airbrushed supermodels. His strung-along girlfriend of many years (Martha Plimpton) has finally given up hope of ever marrying him and has moved on to her next relationship—a development which, needless to say, drives Paul completely insane. He responds with true aplomb, by dumping a fresh pile of snow in front of her garage door after each new storm.

And at the emotional core of the film is Willy (Timothy Hutton), a ruefully rumpled pianist who lives in New York City and who returns to town at the start of the picture to see his old buddies and think a few things through.

He's at a turning point of sorts, both in his relationship with an attractive lawyer (Annabeth Gish) and in his career, which seems not to be going especially well. For the first time ever, he says, he's thinking of "becoming a citizen," that is, abandoning his music once and for all and getting a "real" job in sales.

While *Beautiful Girls* may sound like yet another dully narcissistic testimony to young male commitment-jitters, *A la The Brothers McMullen*, Ted Demme's film actually evolves into something a good deal more



Paul's girlfriend (Martha Plimpton) is not one for looking back.

expansive and fresh. It's a movie that poses difficult questions lightly, asking, for example, if there's a difference between growing up and growing older. What does it mean to mature? Other characters wander in and

out of the low-key lives of the protagonists. (Uma Thurman floats through town as someone's gorgeous cousin from Chicago; Rosie O'Donnell snaps and bristles hilariously as a hairdresser with little patience for the hormonal whims of the local male population; and Noah Emmerich plays the only one of the guys who's gotten married and had children, though settling down hardly seems to have rendered him an adult.) But by far the most

compelling of all the relationships in the film is the one that unfolds between Hutton's character and a precocious 13-year-old girl, Marty, played by the remarkable young Natalie Portman.

With astonishing frankness and sensitivity, Demme and screenwriter Scott Rosenberg make it plain that Willy has fallen in love with this kid, and she with him. She may be 16 years his junior but she seems, in some strange way, the most adult person in the whole film, or at least the one with the sturdiest handle on her own emotions.

And Portman is, despite her years, a formidable screen presence: she has a wide grin, knowing eyes and lanky limbs, and is graceful and awkward at once, poised (as an actress, it appears, and not just a character) at a painful instant between innocence and understanding.

Marty clearly senses the stirrings of a whole range of adult feelings inside her, but she's also a good kid, that is, a child who's grown-up enough to realize that she'll have to wait to actually experience the things she daydreams about. "Bottled promise" is the way one character explains the trait he finds so fascinating in glossy magazine images of beautiful women and, though Willy teases him for it and calls him "sick," we can't help but recall

the phrase as he himself flirts so obviously with pubescent Marty. Willy's not a dirty old man obsessed with a nymphlet so much as a sad romantic who's drawn to his own fantasy-image of Marty in 10 years' time. It's an attraction based on a complicated blend of nostalgia, hope and regret.

Of course, it helps that Marty's no inarticulate fledgling in the here and now: Her speech is almost preternaturally wise. (She makes easy allusions to *Hamlet* and is able to outline Willy's psychological state after a few casual minutes of chatter.) While such deliberate sass might grate on some viewers' nerves, I found it refreshing.

Rosenberg's script is, in general, a highly written affair: Not only does the story unfold in a neat five-act pattern, spoken lines call attention to themselves as having been cleverly set down on paper (the same was true of his flamboyant script for the recent *Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead*).

For my money, though, the slightly strained loquacity of Rosenberg's characters is far preferable to the vast pre-verbal haze that hovers over the dialogue in so many contemporary coming-of-age movies. The people in *Beautiful Girls* may not know exactly where they're heading, but they all have something to say.

## Movie villains: It's Spacey's craft

KEVIN Spacey is scaring himself. Highly skilled at frightening movie audiences with portrayals of killers and creeps, Spacey spooks himself by considering the pitfalls of success. "How many times in our experience do we, five years or so after somebody really breaks out, ask ourselves, 'Whatever happened to so-and-so?'" Spacey says, sadly shaking his head. After building a career as a journeyman actor beloved equally in Hollywood and on Broadway, Spacey really broke out last year, appearing in *Outbreak*, *Swimming With Sharks*, the popular hit *Seven* and *The Usual Suspects*, which brought him an Academy Award for supporting actor.

With the release of his latest film, *A Time to Kill*, Spacey wants to make sure he's not one of those forgotten celebrity so-and-sos when the new millennium rolls around. "Tennessee Williams wrote a really great essay called 'The Catastrophe of Success' about what can happen to someone in the arts, because it happened to him," Spacey says, firing up the first in a steady stream of Marlboro Lights consumed over the next half-hour. "The influences are great," he goes on, looking unaffected in Levis, a blue button-down shirt, multicolored tie and cool Armani boots. "In California there are a lot

of big cars, a lot of big houses and all the billboards, and everything has to do with a kind of outward success. If it isn't inside you, I think it's really easy to get sidetracked."

Circumstances helped Spacey avoid the distraction of his big year since he was busy directing his first movie, *Albino Alligator*, in New Orleans while Hollywood oohed and aahed over his fast-talking career criminal, Verbal Kint, in *The Usual Suspects* and the psychokiller with no fingerprints in *Seven*.

Not that he completely escaped the distraction. An Oscar is still an Oscar, after all.

"There was sort of a steamroller effect," he says of the critical acclaim, supporting-actor Oscar nomination and the subsequent award. "It's just been really important to me to keep working, to keep that work ethic going."

"If I honor the tribute then that means I have to continue to do things that challenge me and I have to continue doing stuff that I believe in, you know. If I do a couple of no-brainers for a lot of money, then I'll probably deserve to get sent to my room for a little while." A veteran of Broadway productions dating back 15 years, Spacey handled his first taste of fame the same way he's managing his latest movie toward superstardom—warily.



Good ole boy, bad old morality: Kevin Spacey plays bigoted Mississippi district attorney Rufus Buckley in 'A Time to Kill.'

"I have been around for, like, years, quietly doing my work," he says. "I've tried hard not to capitalize on some things I did that got attention, times when I could have run with the ball."

Spacey, 37, says, "The actors I've admired most often are the ones that I know the least about. I don't know much about Anthony Hopkins, I don't know much about Robert De Niro. I don't know a hell of a lot about Harvey Keitel. And each time I see them they do

something that startles me." So fiercely has he shielded himself from media prying, little is known about his personal life beyond the fact he lives alone in Greenwich Village.

"I happen to care greatly for the loved ones in my life. They didn't ask to come along on this ride," he says.

"So I will continue to protect that part of my life with every fiber that I have. I just think it's a right that I don't have to give up." (AP)

## Baroque music on a roll

MICHAEL A. JENSTADT



Roy Goodman directs a unique orchestra.

LAST year, European Music Year, saw the inauguration of a new and unusual orchestra. The European Union Baroque Orchestra has since played numerous concerts all over the world, but its players have all changed. That's because it's a training orchestra for young musicians devoted to playing in early-music ensembles.

Music director Roy Goodman, 45, joined the European Union Baroque Orchestra in 1989. "It all began with the realization of a few people in Oxford that there was no training orchestra around for people playing 18th-century instruments.

"We auditioned 100 musicians each year, of which we accept 25 to form what is a postgraduate training orchestra. They play two to three months of the year over a 12-month period and our aim is to find them work. We are glad that the vast majority (70 to 80 percent) are fully employed by the time they finish their year with us."

Orchestra members come from all over Europe with the occasional musician from North America. The orchestra makes its Israeli debut early next month. However, because of its changing nature, Goodman did not even know who his musicians would be when he decided on the program. "Our trip to Israel was planned way before the orchestra was auditioned; it's

at least one Handel opera every year, as well as contemporary music. I'm enjoying a large and wide repertoire. And I just recorded Holst's *The Planets* as well as all the Schumann symphonies and all the Beethoven symphonies. All the Schubert symphonies will come out next month. I have over 100 CDs by now. I'm a culprit of the system and I'm not entirely sure it's a good thing."

The European Union Baroque Orchestra plays at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv on October 5, the opening concert in the third season of "Authenticity," Israel's one and only early-music concert series and one of the most exciting music initiatives the country has known for a long time.

### Artzi wins

HELEN KAYE

POP idol Shlomo Artzi was the big winner in the ACUM Golden Feather Awards last Tuesday. He got Best Songwriter, Lyricist, Performer and Album of the Year. Aviv Gefen had to make do with Best Song for "To Cry for You".

Yehuda Poliker got Best Videoclip for "I Want It Too". Oded Zehavi was named Composer of the Year for his viola concerto, Alona Kimchi got Best Author for *I Anastasia*, Nurit Zarahi was Best Children's Author for *Golden Pyjama Leopard* and Shalom Assayag was named Standup Comedian.

## Audience participation in international dance competition

HELEN KAYE

ROXANA Grinstein's *El Escote* turns its back on the audience. Literally. The El Escote dancers present their backs to the specially composed music of Martin Pavlovsky.

The Argentinian choreographer is one of 13 from eight countries competing for NIS 95,000 in prize money at the third biennial Suzanne Dellal International Dance Competition from October 16 to 23. It's also the seventh anniversary of the Suzanne Dellal Center for Theater and Dance, arguably the most creative arts institution in the country.

This year there is more pure dance, says non-voting jury

chairman Gideon Paz, and the ballets run from 15 minutes to full-length works. These are six of these including Pal Frenak's angry, passionate *A Saitna Rita* from his Paris-based company, *Versus* from Brazil's Henrique Rodovalho (which bowled over Hamburg audiences), *Sing and Spring - First Touch* by Slovenian choreographer Ljuzec Kovac, and the recent Bagnolet Festival winner *Excessories* by American choreographer John Jasperse.

The shorter works include *Deriving* from Jose Luis Bustamante for the US Sharir Dance Company, *The Rogue Tool* which UK choreographer Paul

Selwyn Norton did for Batsheva, and Noa Dar's laid-back, intense *Lacrymosa* which she did for the Batsheva Ensemble. Ido Tadmor's *Cell* and Uri Ivgy's *Parade* for his Kibbutz Dance Company are the other Israeli entries in the competition.

The entrants were selected from among 45 finalists and the public will have a chance to see some of them twice: once during the first four days, then some of them again during the competition's semi-finals, and the winning companies on October 23.

The audience will select its own favorite for the Tuborg Prize and the audience member who correctly selects the judges' choice of best choreographer will also get a prize.

## Bill Monroe, father of bluegrass

BILL Monroe, the courtly Kentucky-born singer, composer and mandolin player, known around the world as the father of bluegrass music, died Monday, aged 83, in Springfield, Tennessee, a few miles north of Nashville, where Monroe had performed regularly since 1939.

Bluegrass, a distinct form of country music that became widely popular across America, was named for the group Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys, with which he toured for decades. Its music is characterized by complex harmonies and driving rhythms, usually played on acoustic string instruments.

To his fans and the buyers of his 50 million records, "bluegrass" meant Monroe's fast-fingered mandolin virtuosity and his emotion-laden tenor voice.

In an interview several years ago, the late Jerry Garcia, famed leader of the Grateful Dead, said of Monroe: "He's one of the most important guys in 20th-century American music. He invented a music that's peculiarly American."

Born in 1911, on a Kentucky farm, Monroe was the youngest of eight children. Both parents died while he was a teenager, and he went to live with his uncle.

In 1934, he and his brother Charlie began performing as the Monroe Brothers.

Two years later, they made their first record for RCA Victor. In 1938, the brothers split, and Monroe formed a new group called the Kentuckyans. It later became the Blue Grass Boys.

Last year, Monroe went to the White House to receive the National Medal of the Arts from

President Clinton. He said then that he considered it his mission to keep bluegrass music pure.

"That's the way it's got to be," he said. "I wanted it to go from my heart to your heart and let both of us hear it." (Washington Post)

### Please note

All listings for the Poster pages in next week's 'Time Out' must be submitted to Judie Fattal by noon this Thursday due to the upcoming holiday.

## The biggest band

**CONTROVERSIAL** British pop group Oasis claims to be bigger than the Beatles. The band, which recently embarked on a US tour without lead singer Liam Gallagher (who joined brother Noel and the other musicians at a later date), has sold some 15 million albums worldwide in the space of just three years. Songwriter and lead guitarist Noel Gallagher said in a recent interview: "We have sold more records than the Beatles, we've played bigger gigs than the Beatles and we're bigger than the Beatles." But it's not only the fans who are hysterical. Liam's frequent fights, tantrums and outbursts threaten the band's future, just when the world seems to be at its best.

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**A lesson in fiscal fitness**

THE International Monetary Fund's scathing report last week on Labor's mismanagement of the economy over its last two years in government merely confirms what both the Likud and many Israeli economists have been saying for the past several months.

"The decision to depart from the pre-1994 fiscal consolidation path can only be viewed as a mistake," the report said. "Expansionary fiscal policy during the last two years strained the economy's resources even further, and did so by hoisting consumption rather than investment. As a result, the current account deteriorated, spearheaded by a surge in consumer imports, and inflation accelerated... To sum up, fiscal policy went off course starting in 1994 and now is the time to get it back on track to ensure that the Israeli economy lives up to its full potential."

This denunciation was made all the more pointed by the IMF's praise of the current government.

"The new government is fully committed to relieving these strains through its policies of fiscal consolidation, disinflation and structural reform. If fully implemented, prospects for these policies succeeding in steering the economy onto a more balanced and sustainable growth path... are good," the report said.

However, the report also made it clear that there is much work to be done if the damage left by Labor is to be corrected. "The risks are... considerable, and the room for maneuver small. It is essential that the government fulfill its commitments, preferably with room to spare," it said.

If the Netanyahu government believes last week's report gives it license to rest on its laurels, it will find itself facing a similarly scathing report next year.

Unfortunately, despite the government's evident success in convincing the IMF of its sincerity, it has so far done little in practice to realize its stated goals.

The cabinet deserves full credit for approving a NIS 4.9 billion cut in the 1997 budget within weeks of taking power. However, it has been manifestly less successful in persuading coalition MKs to support these cuts. If it does not succeed in doing so by December, it will be an economic catastrophe. As the IMF put it: "The imbalance in these [fiscal] accounts is at the core of the current strains and it is essential that the 2.8% of GDP overall deficit target for 1997 be achieved."

Even if the cuts are eventually passed, however, the coalition's lack of discipline, and the consequent widespread skepticism as to whether the cuts will actually take place, has prevented the cabinet's decision from having the positive impact such an announcement should have produced. Normally, if people believe an event will really happen, financial markets react well in advance. But now, even in the best-case scenario, the process of economic healing that could have begun with the cabinet's

decision this July will not start until the cuts are actually passed, six months later.

Furthermore, the government is already backtracking rapidly on its promises of widespread privatization, which the IMF cited as one of the most important of the planned structural reforms. Its embarrassing cave-in to striking port employees - it persuaded workers to stop the strike by promising that the ports and airports would not be privatized - bodes ill for the future. None of Israel's unions are shy about striking. If the government responds to every strike by abandoning its plans to sell the company, there will soon be nothing left for it to put on the auction block.

Finally, the government appears to have done no serious long-term economic planning. To quote the IMF, "while the authorities' plans for curbing expenditures are appropriately ambitious, those for the deficit are less so... the authorities should [also] consider a more medium-term framework for the formulation and implementation of monetary policy." Put more simply, the government has no long-term goals for where it wants to be in four years, with respect to either the deficit or inflation. Setting a goal is obviously not the same as implementing it, but it is a necessary first step. It is impossible to start formulating plans to bring inflation down, for instance, to 4% by the year 2000 if one does not first set that as a goal.

The IMF report should make both coalition and opposition take a good hard look at themselves.

For Labor's part, such harsh criticism from such a respected international body cannot be ignored. It is time to stop trying to delude itself and the public with its oft-repeated canard of having left a healthy economy to its successor, and start trying to atone for its past mistakes instead. It can do this by assuring the government of bipartisan support for politically unpopular but economically necessary measures, such as cutting the budget and privatizing state-owned firms.

For the government's part, it is time to start fulfilling its campaign pledges and embark on the serious economic reforms it promised. Politically, this is the smart thing to do. If massive reforms are implemented now, they will begin bearing fruit before the next elections, and Likud will have the benefit of a strong economy to boost its campaign. Economically, however, such steps are not merely smart, but critical.

The IMF report accurately summed up the situation in its final sentences:

"The choice is not between a world with high unemployment and low inflation and another with low unemployment and high inflation," the report said. "The choice facing Israel now is whether to implement a mid-course correction at a time when things are not too far from the intended path, or to wait until some time in the future when the needed correction could be more severe."

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**STRANGE SET OF VALUES**

Sir, - In her column, "Channel Surfing" of August 30, Penny Starr praises the TV series *Heartbreak High* as "internationally popular and successful," which it may be. She also claims that it is "worth watching." We at Israel's Media Watch do not fathom what Ms. Starr finds worthwhile.

The show is broadcast on the children's hour slot at 4 p.m. on Channel 1. The series contains scenes with the following content: acts of violence (between pupils; between pupils and teachers); outrageous ill discipline, foul language, chemical substance abuse, gambling, alcoholic drinking, sexual mistreatment of minors, fissions between a teacher and pupil, nudity, couples living together, portrayal of copulation, unmarried pregnancy, illicit romances, among other themes of modern high school reality a la Australian production team.

To be worthwhile should mean to have an element of value. The only worthwhile element we observed was when one girl insisted her boyfriend use a condom. The series stirred up public piousness in Australia and in England. In Israel, two of the stars were brought over to further "entertain" our youngsters in person.

It seems that Ms. Starr and Television House have a strange set of values.

YISRAEL MEDAD,  
Director,  
Israel's Media Watch  
Jerusalem.

**INANE**

Sir, - The claims by left-wing leaders like Shimon Peres and Yossi Sarid that Prime Minister Netanyahu now "owes Yitzhak Rabin an apology" are inane. Rabin, by giving Arafat political power and setting him up in Gaza, created a situation. Netanyahu now has to deal with a situation that he did not create and would not have wanted. The distinction is clear.

P. DAVID HORNIK  
Jerusalem.

**US ELECTIONS**

Sir, - Registration and application for an absentee ballot for this fall's US general election end at the end of this month. This is a last call to those who wish to vote for president and members of Congress on November 5 and who have as yet not filled out the required FPCA cards and mailed them to their local Board of Election.

Anyone who wishes to receive an absentee ballot and vote in the US election must go immediately to their nearest US consulate or one of the five regional AACL offices and ask for an FPCA application, fill it out and mail it to their local election board. The addresses of local boards will be given by the consular official or the AACL personnel. All US citizens aged 18 and over are eligible to vote in all federal elections provided that they have requested an absentee ballot from their local Election Board and it has been received no later than 30 days prior to the election.

For further information you may call the US consulates or the US voting coordinator at (08) 945-7671. Sunday through Thursday, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

DAVID FROELICH,  
US Voting Coordinator,  
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Rehovot.

**ISRAELI WRITER**

Sir, - I would like to thank Greer Fay Cashman for mentioning my book on Neveh Tzedek in her column (*Grapevine*, September 6), but I was astounded to see myself described as a British writer.

I took Israeli citizenship 32 years ago, immediately upon immigrating here, and have lived here uninterruptedly ever since. Both my children were born here and served in the army.

We so-called "Anglo-Saxons" often wonder what you have to do to be accepted as an Israeli. The fact is, my publishing a book in Hebrew on the old city of Tel Aviv seems, finally, to have done the trick.

JUDITH COOPER-WEILL  
(British-BORN writer)  
Tel Aviv.

**Justice wins...**

ESTHER HERTZOG

THE climax of Ruti Nahmani's legal battle for use of her eggs - fertilized *in vitro* during her marriage by her now-estranged husband Danny - was like something out of a John Grisham novel.

Fittingly and satisfyingly, justice defeated hypocrisy and moral wrong.

September 12, 1996 will go down as a great day for women's

...and hypocrisy will out. Some women showed their true colors over the Nahmani case

rights and as a historic day for Israel's courts.

Eighteen months ago, a panel of five Supreme Court judges allowed Danny Nahmani's appeal to have Ruti's eggs destroyed, ruling that his right not to be a parent outweighed Ruti's right to motherhood. (Nahmani had left Ruti in 1992, after her eggs had been fertilized, but before they had been delivered to a surrogate, and moved in with another woman, by whom he has since had a child.)

Owing to the precedent-setting nature of the case, Justice Meir Shamgar, on the verge of retirement, courageously acceded to a request by Ruti and called for a new hearing on the case, this time with an expanded panel of 11 justices. The court agreed, citing the extreme importance of the issue; and the hearing, which left an originally unhelpful Ruti beaming with joy, took place last Thursday.

Israel's women, realizing the moral strength of Ruti's case, had been cheering her on during her long and debilitating battle. Well, those who are worth their salt, anyway. Some women in the pub-

**Dry Bones**



substantially to last week's dramatic result.

The man whose position has stood out in the Nahmani case is Justice Zvi Tal, whose adherence to a clear moral stand remained intact all along. In the first hearing his was the sole voice of dissent in a panel of supposedly progressive judges.

Yet the hypocrisy of women who pay lip-service to equality - the Nahmani case was represented in the media, often by women, as a battle for women's equality - is the greatest hypocrisy of all. It is greater than that of Danny Nahmani and his supporters, who seemingly base their arguments on principle but whose real interest seems to be avoiding child-support payments.

On...an, at least, understand this position. But how can women allow a comparison to be made between the investment a woman makes in pregnancy and childbirth and the investment a man makes?

Negbi's commentary on the court ruling summed up perfectly what women ought to know instinctively: that the key to pregnancy must be in the hand of the woman, whether that pregnancy develops inside her body or outside it.

Apparently, before we make any more demands regarding sexual equality from chauvinist males, we need to explain this basic truth to women themselves.

The writer is a social anthropologist who teaches at Beit Berl College in Kfar Sava.

**Nothing to lose but our chains**

IT is just a year since thousands of women from all over the world came together in Beijing for the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women and the concurrent Forum of Non-Governmental Organizations.

The week of events culminated in the publication of a Platform for Action based on an amazing degree of consensus between the delegates from over 100 UN member states.

The platform - a blueprint for concrete legislation for legal action and public policy - called upon governments to act in areas ranging from political and economic empowerment through education, health and domestic violence to the protection of girl-children.

Israel was officially represented by an impressive delegation headed by former labor and social affairs minister Ora Namir, and at the NGO Forum dozens of Israeli feminists interacted with their counterparts from other countries, including those with which Israel has no diplomatic relations.

It wasn't until the first of our delegates returned home that we learned just how active and influential they had been - far more so, in fact, than official Israeli delegates to UN conferences usually are. They had done us proud!

Yet Israel fell short in one respect. Despite much urging from her fellow delegates, Namir failed to declare Israel's commitment to any of the conference's stated aims. As a result, those Israeli activists who had hoped to be able

to point to such commitment as a way of pressuring the government regarding their implementation were left without leverage.

A year has gone by. This week at the UN in New York representatives from numerous countries will be reporting on the extent to

many respects, in a state of regression.

With the increase in the number of people living below the poverty level, the standard of living of the large percentage of women among this population (many of them single parents who cannot afford the

child-care that would enable them to take on fulltime employment) has dropped even further.

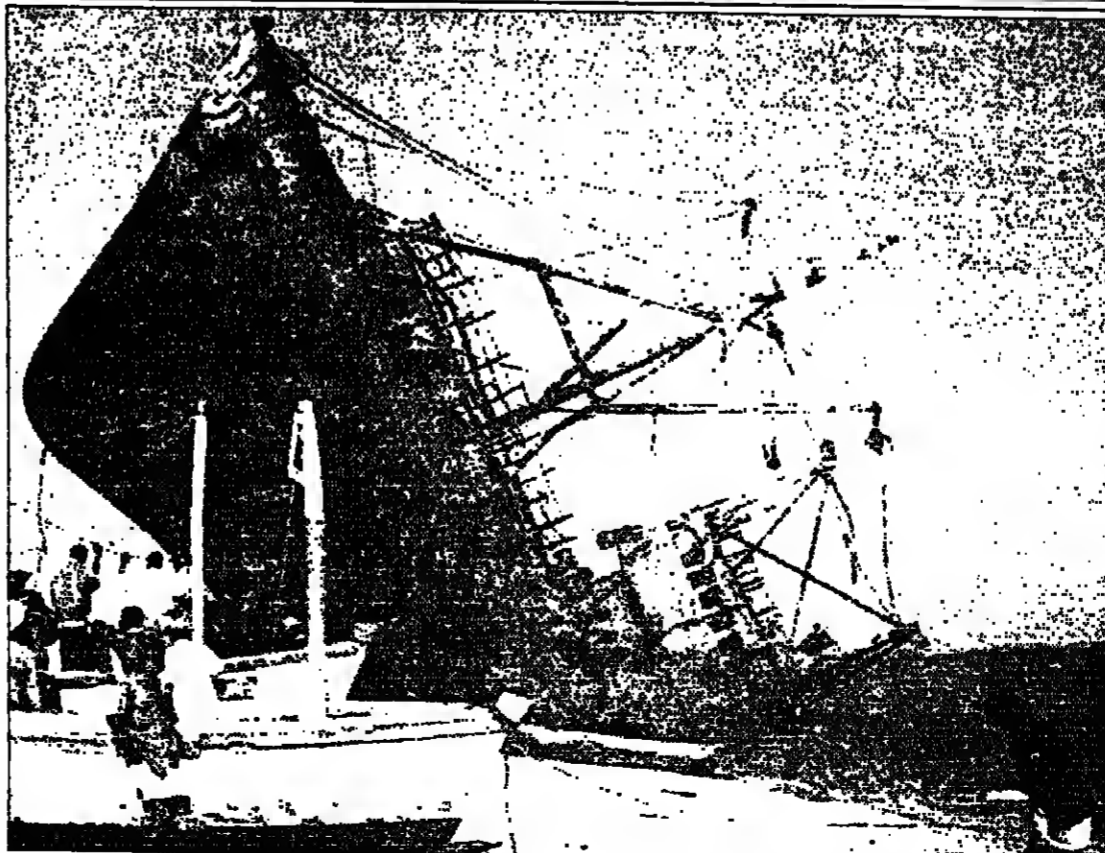
The number of women in the Knesset has decreased from 12 to nine, and the number of women ministers from two to one. Furthermore, since most of the women MKs are in the opposition, their task of initiating legislation is more difficult.

Given the widespread disregard for human rights (particularly those of minorities) no wonder women's rights get ignored.

The ascendancy of the haredi political parties - which conceive of the woman's role as primarily the traditional one of homemaking and modesty as her most vital characteristic - has led to unprecedentedly open acts of violence against women perceived as immodest in dress or behavior.

The new deputy minister for religious affairs has declared that there is no place for women on the religious councils, whose duty is

**PICTURE POSTSCRIPT**



'Boat? What boat? Oh, that boat. I dunno, it wasn't there a minute ago...' (Lynne Duke/Washington Post)

**POSTSCRIPTS**

**CLINTON IMPERSONATOR**  
Tim Waters is pretty convincing. When he strode into a hotel recently to crash a Newt Gingrich breakfast, a reporter rushed up to him, tape recorder whirring, and began asking serious questions.

Then she suddenly realized the prank and turned crimson. "Oh, you had me going," she moaned. "I'm so embarrassed."

"When I first spotted him, I kinda got a shot like, 'What's he doing here?'" confessed a Secret Service agent who used to work the White House detail.

Waters, a former Florida real estate agent, earns \$5,000 a day impersonating the prez. Waters has played him in movies, (*Naked Gun 33*), on TV and in various public appearances.

A SERBIAN family from the town of Sabac gave new meaning to the idea of a self-catering holiday when they brought 14 live hens on their summer vacation.

The family took the chickens to a camping site near the popular resort of Budva, enjoying fresh eggs for the first few days, followed by roast chicken for the rest of their holiday.

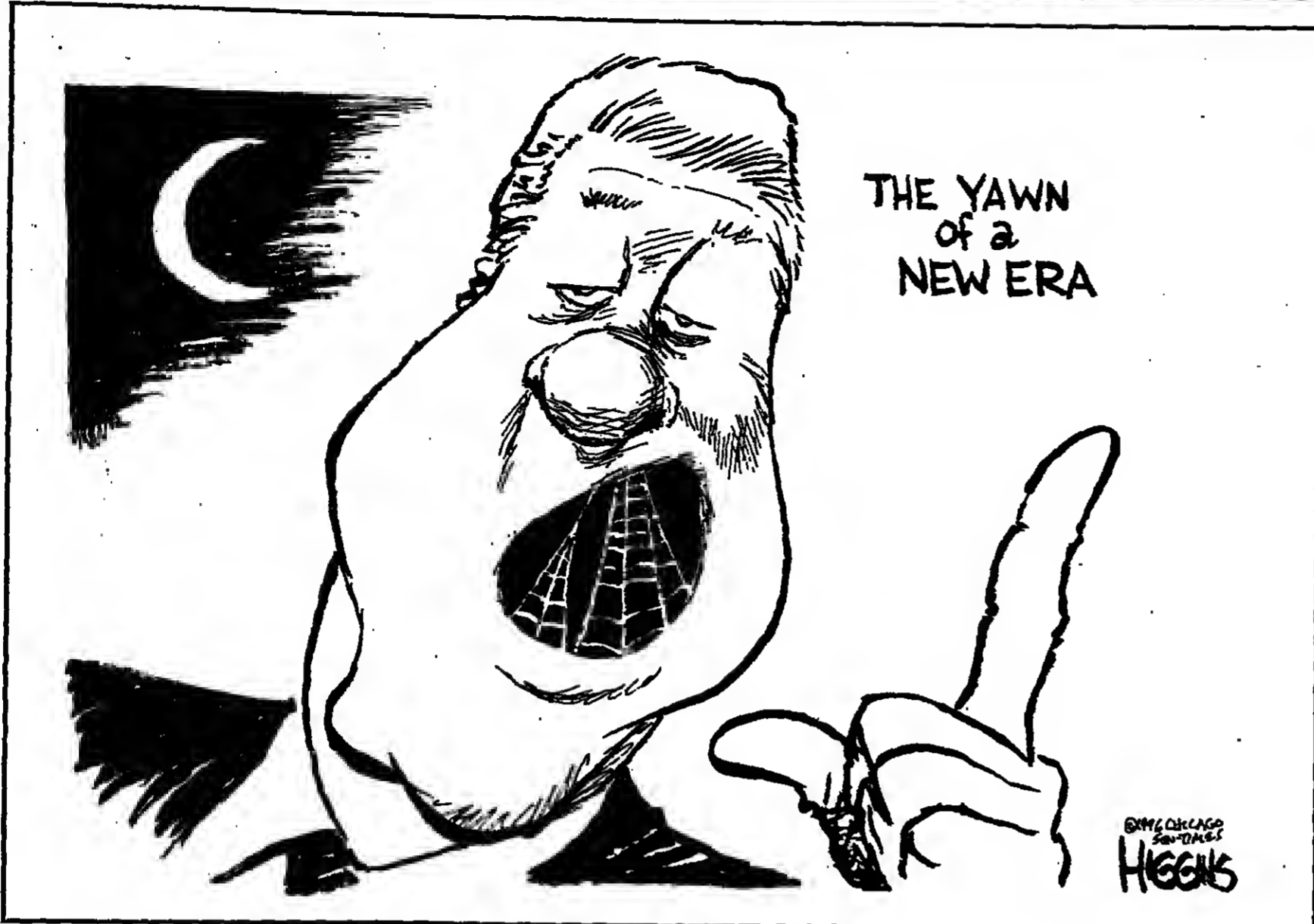
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# AMERICAN OUTLOOK

Monday, September 16, 1996

SO DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT WE SHOULD REJECT THE PEACE PROCESS?

BUT THE PROCESS IS REAL. LOVE!



## Kurdish rights at center of conflict

By Alan Dershowitz

The recent unilateral action by the United States against Iraq once again raises the question of selective international morality. Put most bluntly, the world doesn't care about the rights of the Kurdish people. Thirty million Kurds have been subjected to unmitigated barbarity by the Iraqis, the Turks and the Iranians. This has included gassings, mass executions, expulsions, detentions and denial of linguistic and other rights. The Kurdish people are entitled to an independent homeland — or at the very least international recognition as an autonomous ethnic national group. But their legitimate claims have been largely ignored by the United Nations as well as most countries, churches and human-rights organizations.

Contrast this lack of concern with the obsession the world has had with Palestinian rights. There are far fewer Palestinians, and they have been far less oppressed than the Kurds. The Palestinians, as a distinct entity, go back no more than a couple of decades, whereas the Kurds are an ancient people. Palestinians share a common language, ethnicity, religion and culture with their Arab neighbors. The Kurds are a far more distinct grouping. Palestinians already constitute a majority of the population of one country, Jordan, whereas the Kurds are an oppressed minority in three countries. In the area in which they are a majority, Kurdistan, they do not control their own destiny, in any meaningful way.

**Try to remember the last time a church or university group spoke out on behalf of Kurdish rights!**

Why then has the world focused so little attention on a larger group with far more compelling claims to statehood or at least autonomy? There are two answers, neither of them morally acceptable.

First and foremost is that the Palestinians have forced their claims to the front burner by engaging in the most horrible forms of international terrorism. They originated and perfected airplane terrorism and other forms of targeting the softest and most vulnerable civilians, especially children and families. They have blackmailed the world into elevating the importance of their claims. They have shown the world that terrorism works — at the United Nations, in world capitals and in churches. Though the Kurds have not been free of all sin — they have engaged in some terrorism — their targeting of innocent civilians has not been comparable to that of the Palestinians. For that reason their claims have received far less attention.

Second, the Palestinians picked their enemies and friends well, while the Kurds did not. The Palestinians have targeted Israel and Jews, thus creating a natural alliance with anti-Semitic nations, groups and individuals. Moreover, their national enemy has no oil, while their friends do. The Kurds, on the other hand, have been oppressed by powerful nations, with large oil supplies and other resources. The world community does not want to pick a fight with Turkey. And although the United States is willing to take on Saddam Hussein, most of the rest of the world would rather not alienate resource-rich human-rights violators.

This all may explain, though it surely does not justify, the double standard by which nations distinguish between the claims of the Palestinians and the Kurds. But it does not even begin to explain why churches, human-rights organizations, intellectuals, students and other moral actors seem to care so much less about the Kurds than about the Palestinians. Try to remember the last time a church or university group spoke out on behalf of Kurdish rights!

Part of the reason for this "moral" double standard may simply be that even moral actors follow the dictates of "political correctness." Certain causes are more vogueish than others. But moral actors should devote more of their resources to unpopular, less vogueish causes, than to those that have the support of powerful nation-states.

Nor are Kurds the only discriminated-against group ignored by the world community. The Bahais, who are being persecuted by the Iranians, can barely get a hearing before the international court of public opinion. The Romani people (commonly called Gypsies) are the frequent target of hostility and discrimination throughout Europe. Other groups that have been denied their rights are also ignored, unless paying attention to their plight serves the agenda of powerful interest. The United Nations lists several dozen distinct "peoples" who are stateless and lack autonomy. Yet only the Palestinians have received so much attention from the international community. I am not suggesting that the Palestinians should not receive some kind of autonomy consistent with the security of their neighbors. I am suggesting that Palestinian claims are no more legitimate than the claims of others, which have been ignored.

Thomas Bentham once described international human rights as "hypocrisy on a stick." Unless those of us who care deeply about making human rights a reality — indeed an enforceable reality — begin to prioritize our resources in accordance with the merits of competing claims and not in accordance with the dictates of power politics, we will prove Bentham correct.

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## Tap dance

### The FBI's battle to monitor phone calls

By Joseph Finder

The July 17 crash of TWA Flight 800, like other acts of terrorism before it, plunged the Clinton administration and Congress into a legislative frenzy. Just before its August recess, the House rushed through a terrorism bill that was laughably weak and useless, its teeth having been extracted by an unholy alliance of ACLU skills, NRA yes-men and other libertarians of the left and right. Worst of all, the bill jettisoned the one provision the White House wanted most: authorization for the expanded use of wiretaps.

As Congress reconvenes, Sens. Joe Biden and Orrin Hatch will likely try to succeed where the administration failed. The most crucial (and controversial) provision they're pushing involves "roving," or multipoint, wiretaps — the authority to wiretap several telephones on a single warrant. An ordinary tap covers one telephone line, not the person using it; a roving wiretap enables law-enforcement to tap every phone a person uses. But we're in the age of cellular phones, and our law enforcement, unfortunately, is stuck (legally, anyway) in rotary-dial.

Take the hypothetical case of an apartment full of radical Iranian nationals living in Jersey City, plotting to demolish Manhattan. If we simply want to gather intelligence about their activities, we can order the kind of tap allowed by the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. But, once we hear the words "neutron bomb" and "Trump Tower," we're into a criminal investigation. To continue tapping, we have to get a new court order for a "T-3" tap (for Title III of the 1968 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act). That's not so easy. Each T-3 wiretap has to be approved by a high-level Justice Department official, and then by whichever court has jurisdiction over the venue where the tap would be put in place.

Our terrorists, though, are fairly sophisticated. They assume their home phone is tapped, and so they don't use it to talk business. A couple of years ago, they'd have gone out to the phone booth on the corner, but they've since learned that federal officials can tap pay phones. So they never use the same public phone twice. They know that, if we want to follow them around electronically, we've got to get a separate court order for each phone.

That's why the roving wiretap exception was devised. But, to get a roving tap authorized, the feds have to prove their subject is deliberately

trying to evade a wiretap by switching phones. That's hard to prove. An FBI surveillance team might observe a suspect scurrying back and forth between phone booths, but who's to say he isn't using the different phones for some other reason?

Cellular phones make it even harder for law enforcement. The law establishing roving taps was passed in 1986, before cell phones proliferated. These days, a malefactor can readily get a pile of cell phones and pirate their phone numbers and use them all in the privacy of his Jersey City apartment. Good luck proving to a court that he's trying to elude a tap. Unless you have an informant inside the apartment, the burden of proof is insurmountable.

**We're in the age of cellular phones, and our law enforcement, unfortunately, is stuck (legally, anyway) in rotary-dial.**

The FBI wants to change the law so that you need to prove only that a person's "actions and conduct" would "have the effect of thwarting interception." Legally, it's much easier right now to bug someone's home than it is to tap his phone, which is curious, given how much more intrusive it is to have a hidden microphone or video camera in your bedroom. The administration simply wants the same legal threshold for roving wiretaps as exists for bugs.

Anyone who insists that giving the FBI slightly enhanced authority to tap cell-phone-wielding terrorists will lead to widespread abuses has no idea how these things actually work. T-3, or law-enforcement, wiretaps must be monitored around the clock, not simply recorded to be listened to later. Why? Because, by law, every time a tapped phone is in use, an agent has to listen, and if it's the subject's lawyer on the line, or even the neighborhood video-rental store (i.e., not a criminally related call), the agent must hang up. This practice, called "minimization," is meant to keep the government from listening in on innocent calls.

Which leads to another reason it's unlikely legal wiretaps will become widespread: They're enormously expensive, largely because of the manpower involved. An ordinary wiretap costs an average of \$73,000. A roving tap can cost more

than \$130,000. The ACLU often complains about the cost of wiretaps, but it neglects to mention that it's the protection of our civil liberties that makes them so expensive. That expense is a major reason that the federal government, in the thousands of investigations it conducts each year, uses no more than 600 wiretaps. As for roving taps, last year there were exactly four: two for narcotics investigations and two for kidnapping. Given the cost, making them easier to get is unlikely to mean many more.

And the punishment for violating wiretap laws is so onerous that the FBI would much sooner err on the side of caution than risk slipping up. Anyone who orders or participates in an illegal tap, has any knowing involvement in it, or unlawfully discloses information obtained from a tap can go to jail for 10 years. The threat of jail time can make a bureaucrat awfully punctilious.

I'm too cynical to say abuses never occur. But if they do they're pretty rare. If you assume good faith on the part of our law-enforcement agencies, proper supervision by the Justice Department, sound judicial review and congressional oversight, then the slightly expanded authority the White House wants isn't a civil-liberties concern. If you don't believe the Justice Department, Congress and the courts are adequate safeguards, then there shouldn't be any wiretaps at all, which is, by the way, the ACLU's position.

The chief reason, though, that Congress is so averse to expanded taps is the plummeting credibility of the FBI. Already sullied by the bloody sieges at Ruby Ridge and Waco (both of which have become totemic to the black-helicopter crowd), the bureau under Director Louis Freeh seems to harbor more than a tinge of J. Edgar Hooverism. Witness the various, appalling Filegate blunders. And there's the egregious case of Richard Jewell, the security guard whom the FBI suspected of planting the bomb at the Atlanta Olympics. Whether or not he did it, his persecution was a gruesome illustration of the FBI's power to destroy a person based on a mere hunch. It wasn't exactly reassuring to hear an Atlanta FBI agent declare, "We never apologize." There's no question the FBI bears extremely close monitoring. Then again, as the ACLU and its ilk seem to forget, so do the terrorists.

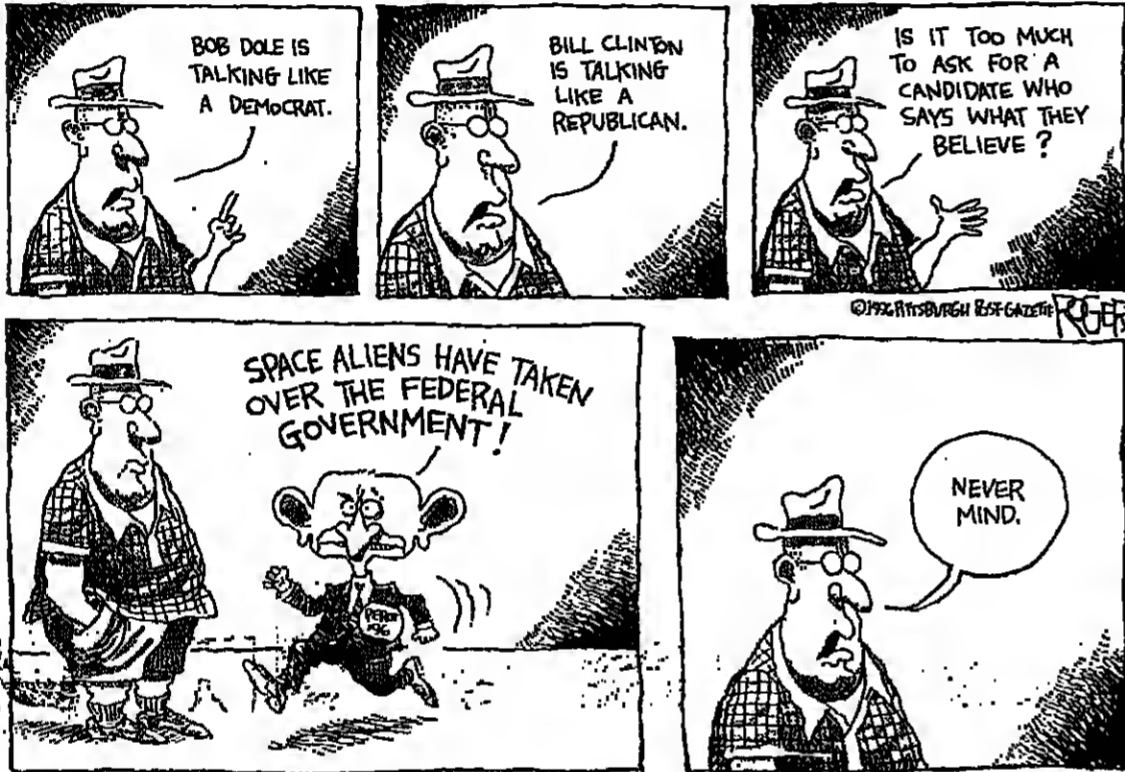
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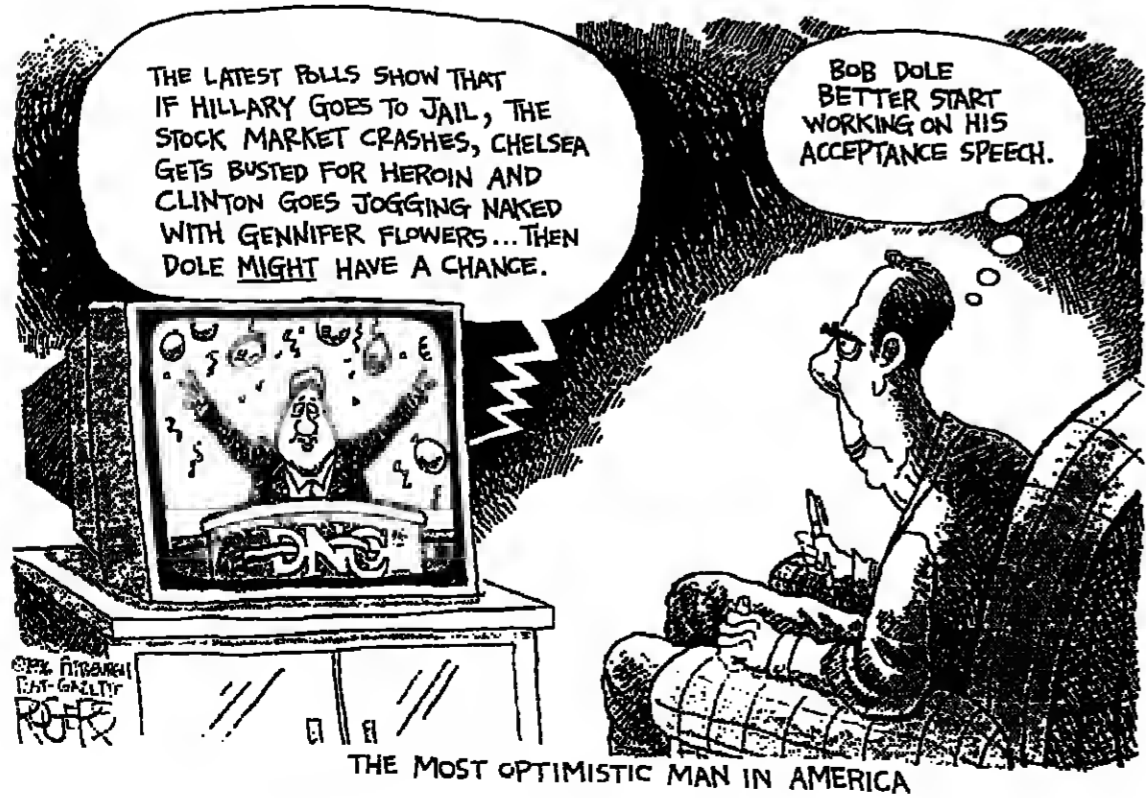
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# EDITORIAL CARTOONS

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"SORRY, MR. PRESIDENT. WE HAD TO DISCONTINUE THE BRIDGE TO THE 21ST CENTURY. THE UNIONS WENT ON STRIKE, WE CAN'T FILL OUR QUOTA OF MINORITY CONTRACTORS, AND THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS HAVE DECLARED THIS A WETLAND."



## Oldies but goodies emerge at Democratic convention

BY SEAN WILENTZ

Beneath a bright but not oppressive midday sun, four hours before the Democrats officially opened their convention in Chicago, the AFL-CIO held a spirited rally outside the State of Illinois Building on Randolph Street. A small sea of red-T-shirted organizers and rank-and-filers cheered John Sweeocoy, the federation's new president. Martin Luther King III spoke affectingly about his father's ties to organized labor. At the rally's close, the crowd sang the old union anthem, "Solidarity Forever" — and people appeared to know the lyrics. For an hour or so, in the heart of Chicago's Loop, the Democratic Party's traditional labor-liberal spirit seemed undimmed.

A different sort of sentimentalism held sway that evening inside the United Center. The other sentimentalism was better suited to New Democratic, edge-city tastes, epitomized by the music of this era's Mantovani, Kenny G, the banal, treacly saxophonist admired by the president. Still, outside of the convention hall, in and around the downtown hotels, one kept bumping into throngs of die-hard party liberals and leftists.

It was oldies but goodies time. Later that week, '60s veterans and wannabes gathered at McCormick Place to hail the surviving members of the Chicago Eight and to revel in what could in this context only be called period music: Crosby, Stills and Nash, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne and the millionth cast of "Hair." (It was it the first cast of "Rent"? No, that was later.) The next day, Tikkun magazine attracted more than 200 delegates, alternates, reporters and hangers-on to a late-afternoon panel discussion on the politics of meaning (bad ideas never die; they become panel discussions). An impressive slice of the liberal intelligentsia, along with some high-level Washington officials, turned out for The American Prospect's party at the Chicago Historical Society. And clogging the hotel lobbies, alongside the lip-sticked ladies with their donkey hats and the silk-suited gentlemen with their daring eyes, were trade unionists, feminists and gay activists, whose presence confirmed that this was, yes, a Democratic national convention.

The striking thing about the liberals in Chicago, however, was not their ubiquity but their composure. It was widely assumed that U.S. President Bill Clinton's signing of the Republican-crafted welfare bill had severely alienated the

party's liberal wing. Some pundits expected the alienation would surface at the convention meetings, and here and there it did. In their speeches, old lions Jesse Jackson and Mario Cuomo admitted to their misgivings about welfare reform and then became unstinting in their support of the ticket. Prominent congressional liberals expressed the utmost confidence that the president, if re-elected, would move leftward.

In part, the liberals' acquiescence reflects their rapid political decline, particularly since 1994. Had the Democrats retained control of the House two years ago, Clinton might well have faced a primary challenge from his left, say from Jackson, and the party would have entered its 1996 convention as badly divided as it was in 1980. "Newt Gingrich and the freshman class turned out to be President Clinton's greatest gift," departing Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder told me in Chicago — and Democratic liberals, with no choice but to back the lesser of two evils, learned to suffer in silence.

In other respects, though, the liberals' unruffled demeanor suggests they have begun a recovery. The difficulties of the past four years have certainly diminished the rage for moral purity that has long plagued their politics. "Liberals realize that throwing a tantrum over the welfare bill isn't going to help any poor people," Barney Frank remarked to me between convention sessions. Consistently, Democratic liberals hewed to the convention script, winning points by showing that they, too, could be good soldiers.

Not that everything was sweetness and light. In a taxicab departing from the convention hall, a congenial Midwestern congressional candidate complained that his Republican rival had seized upon his opposition to the welfare bill to paint him as a radical out of touch with his own party leader. And those liberal Democrats who came of age in the 1960s still quietly hanker for a revival of the protest politics that the rest of the country dismisses as subversion or kitsch.

According to Schroeder, for example, the decline of organized peace groups after the end of the Cold War helps to explain, a little paradoxically, why there's so little pressure these days to prune the defense budget. She drew a bleak picture of the current political scene: of a White House commanded by narrow technocrats, a Congress paralyzed by petty ambitions, a citizenry that sees government as a sort of spiritual toxic waste dump. Clinton's re-election is

important, she added, if only as an alternative to unfettered Republican rule. In a second term, she surmised, the president, goaded by Mrs. Clinton, might secure his historical legacy. "But what will that be?" she wondered. "That he got half a loaf for the American people? Or a third of the loaf? Or even that much?"

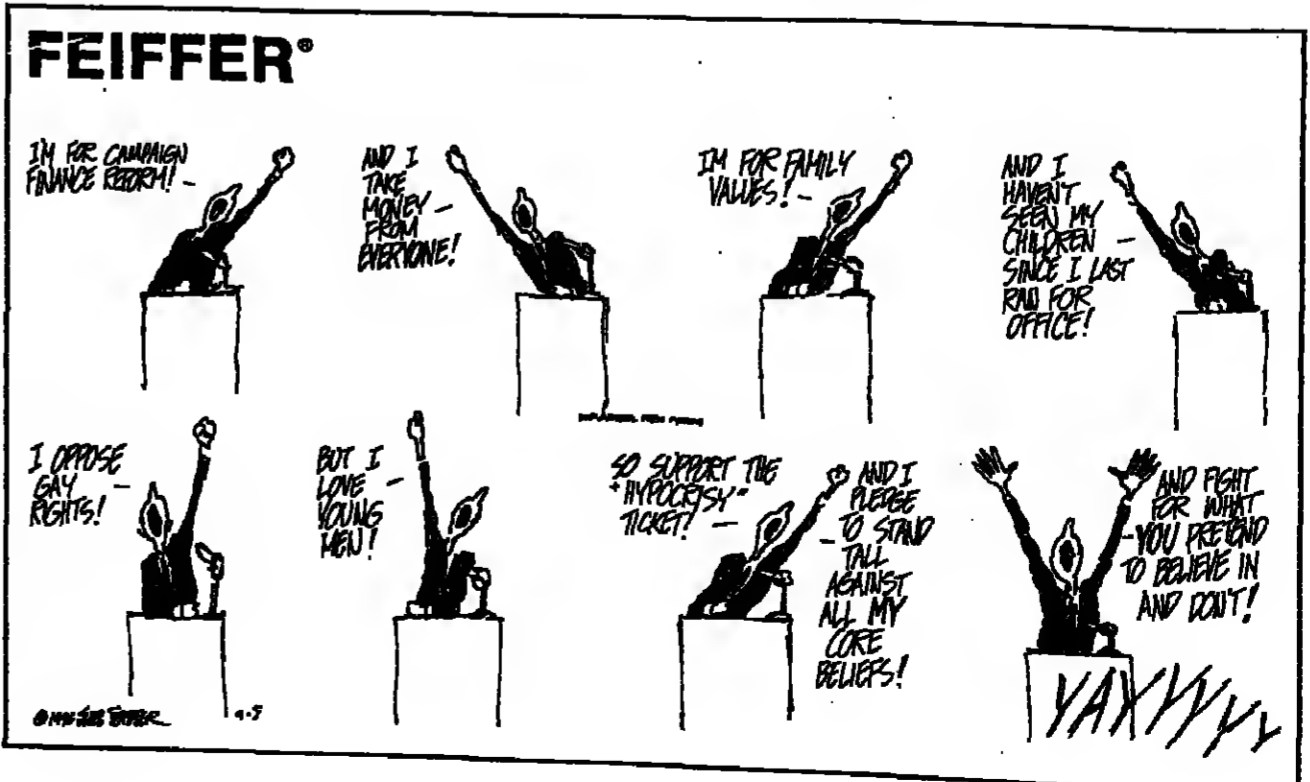
Perhaps because he is not a whole-loofer, Barney Frank is more sanguine (which may be why he's staying in Congress for a second Clinton term.) "The public is ready now for a safety net for the middle class," he told me, "something not just for the poor, but for everyone who will need help, from time to time, in order to own a home, educate their kids, keep themselves healthy or have something to retire on." Americans, he explained, have realized that today, unlike 30 years ago, relatively few of us can expect to go through life with one stable job — a lesson, he contended, underscored by the effects of corporate downsizing. Consequently, voters will look to the federal government to do more on their behalf, not all the time but at critical moments, such as when buying a home or sending a kid to college.

Frank thinks the public will pay for this rediscovered largesse with cuts in military spending. ("We need to talk about burden sharing, about how we've propped up some of our strongest economic competitors with military spending," he said. "I could sell it politically in a minute.") He even thinks that the Republicans' mania for budget balancing will eventually force them to stop building new costly weapons as well. "It's a zero-sum game now. We're at the point where we have to make choices. And, in the end, a balanced budget really plays into our hands."

Is this likely? Perhaps not. Perhaps Frank is simply bluffing. But, if liberal patagons like him fear deep down that they've been consigned to the dustbin of history, they're doing a good job of hiding it. Despite the Democratic frustration and fratricide of Bill Clinton's first four years, four years in which liberals were blamed for his early failures and grimaced at his late successes, the party's left is plausibly making a claim on the future. As everyone knows, conventions, and politics in general, are about turning illusion into truth. Besides, the dustbin's numbers have been pretty good lately.

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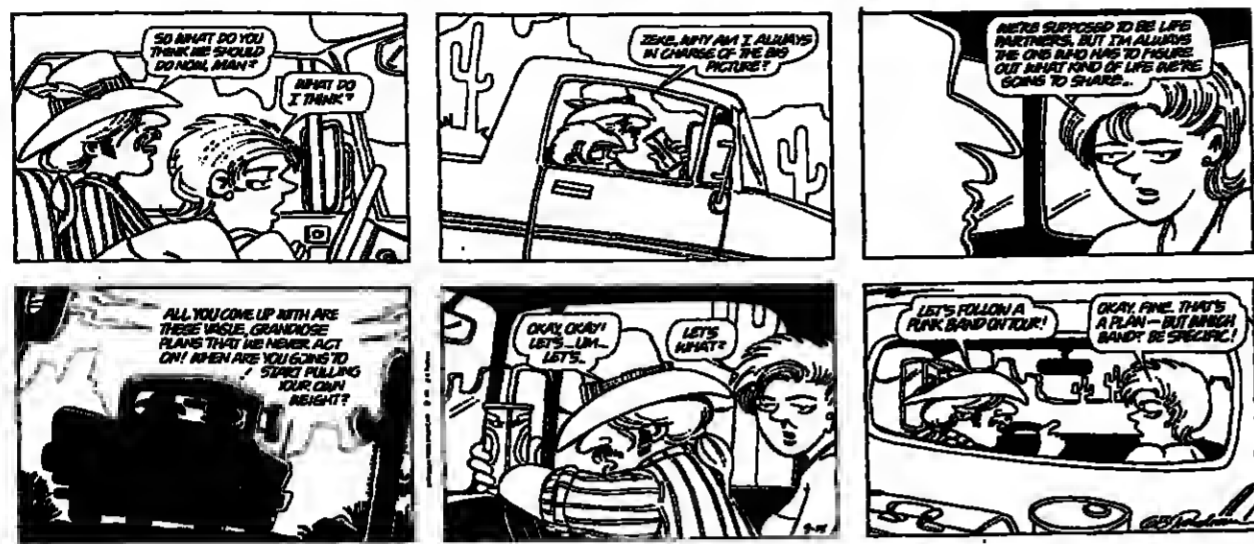


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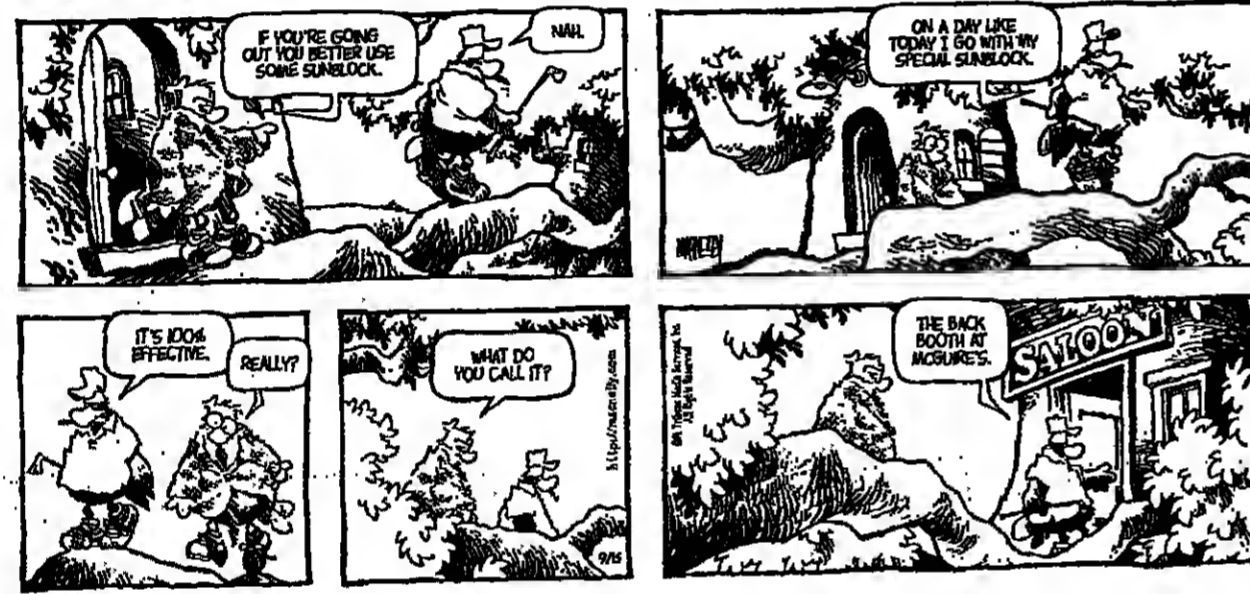
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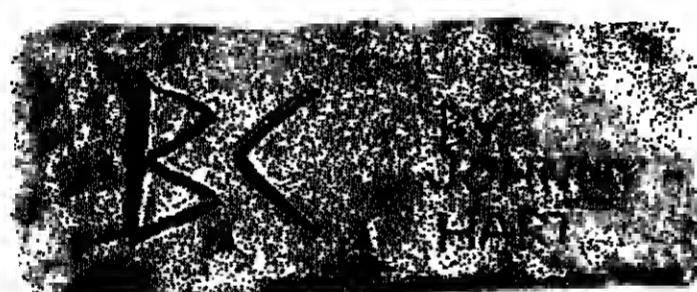
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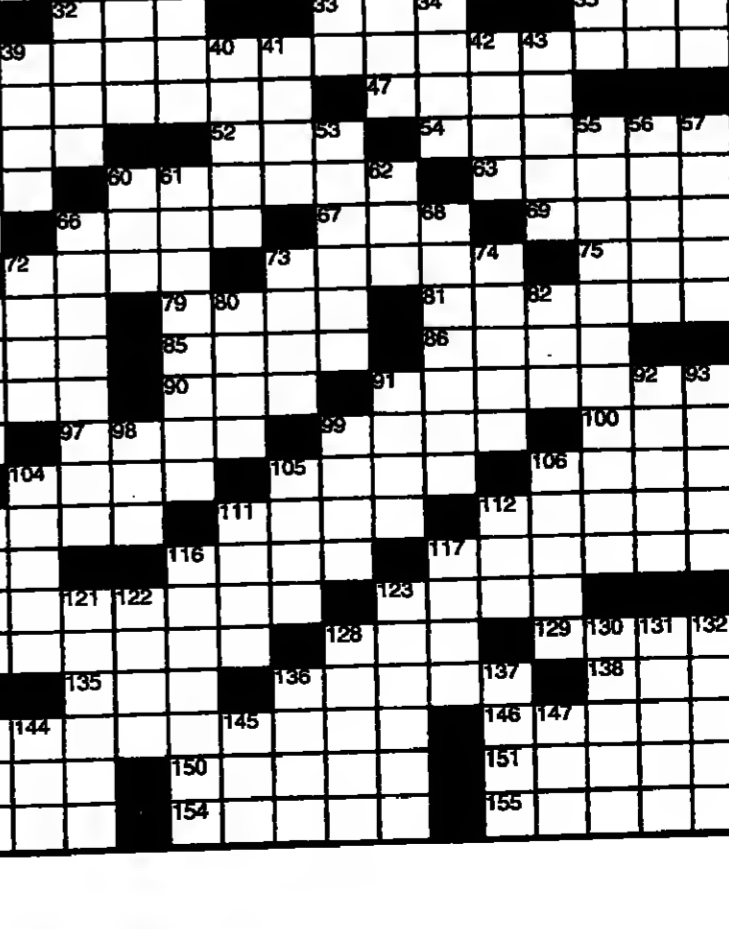
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# Blacks as swing voters would benefit both parties

BY MATTHEW COOPER

"Jack Kemp has the best black Rolodex in the country," Maynard Jackson says over the din of the crowd at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The former Atlanta mayor worked closely with Kemp, when Jackson ran the South's black Mecca and Kemp headed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "We talked all the time," Jackson says, his once-enormous frame slimmed by hours with a personal trainer. But Jackson, like many black officials here, is dubious that Kemp, even with his history of reaching out to minorities, even with personal friendships with many pols here, can loosen the Democratic hold on black voters. This is especially true, Jackson says, since Kemp modified his positions on affirmative action and immigration. "That Jack Kemp no longer exists," Jackson says. "There's a new Kemp out there."

It would be tempting to dismiss Jackson's disparaging remarks as the spin of a partisan Democrat. But the selection of Kemp seems to have done little to sway black voters from their allegiance to U.S. President Bill Clinton and his party. According to the Joint Center for Political Studies, which specializes in African-American politics, some 82 percent of blacks remain Democrats. Recent polling by Ron Lester, a Democratic consultant who is black himself, showed Dole only getting about 4 percent of the black vote before the GOP convention and the exact same percentage after naming Kemp. "It hasn't even been a blip," Lester says.

Forces of attraction and repulsion seem to be shaping the black vote. On the repulsion side is Newt Gingrich and the GOP Congress. Despite the Speaker's attempts to reach out to minorities — he quoted Martin Luther King in his San Diego speech and, more substantively, slowed the progress of anti-affirmative action legislation in the House — he remains terribly unpopular among African Americans, as he does among the rest of the country. Only 15.6 percent of blacks polled by the Joint Center thought favorably of Gingrich, while an astounding 87.6 percent thought favorably of Clinton. Blacks also remain the segment of the electorate most favorably disposed to government. The GOP's harsh anti-government rhetoric has only strengthened a Democratic predisposition that dates to the New Deal.

On the attraction side of the ledger, Clinton has done as much to court the black vote as any president ever. His aggressive affirmative action in appointments — four blacks were named to the Cabinet — had carried a

symbolic weight. His Southern roots help, too, because the majority of blacks still live in the South. And Clinton's personal ease among blacks and his knack for the cultural gesture — belting blues on his saxophone or chowing on barbecue — has clearly helped him. At the meeting in Chicago of the Democratic Party's African-American caucus, one speaker's claim that Clinton understands black problems not just intellectually "but from the neck down, with his heart" met with huge applause.

Not even vigorous campaigning by Colin Powell would be likely to make any difference. All signs suggest it would help more among whites than blacks. (Powell's positive rating among blacks, according to the Joint Center, is 68 percent — lower than Clinton's.) Powell was not universally lauded among blacks at the convention. When Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., son of the erstwhile presidential candidate, addressed the caucus, he took direct aim at Powell. "Someone who looked like us got up there and thanked Reagan for spending more on the military," Jackson said, to derisive laughter.

To keep the black turnout high this fall, the party is planning its most energetic effort yet to reach out to minority voters. The so-called African-American working group, an informal team of top black political officials in the Clinton administration and the Democratic National Committee, has been working on extensive plans to reach blacks. A major print ad campaign has been designed by a black-led agency. The stark black-and-white ads, which will fly below the radar of the mainstream media, will appear this fall in black publications such as *Jet* and *Black Elegance*. Democrats also are planning massive ad buys on black radio stations in the nation's top 25 media markets and on a black Internet site called *Net Noir*.

Yet there's less of a sense among blacks than in the past that the party is beholden to this most loyal of constituencies. Though there was grumbling here about the welfare bill President Clinton signed, there also was a willingness to suppress that animus for the sake of party unity. On affirmative action, though, the party remains untransformed. The platform endorses affirmative action in the strongest terms. Press releases from the convention's organizing committee boast of the percentage of "persons of color" who have been appointed to top slots. The party still has rigid mathematical formulas for the composition of each state's delegation. There is no sign that practice will change.

The party's attachment to group rights was certainly apparent at a forum hosted by Bill Bradley at Chicago's Field Museum. Billed as a

"conversation on race," it involved an earnest Bradley leading a panel of literati, including the novelists Toni Morrison and Richard Ford. When Harvard Professor Cornel West, a panelist, mocked the idea of "a whole new discussion about color-blindness," the crowd roared with approval. Other moments in the discussion showed how far identity politics have permeated the party. The novelist Bharati Mukherjee complained about her experiences living in Iowa City. Did she suffer catcalls and harassment? No. But, she told the crowd, she was angered in retrospect when people complimented her on her beautiful sari. "I didn't know enough to realize I was being exoticized," she said. "Because I was so pliant then I didn't know how to take offense."

It may seem impossible to imagine a time when the Democratic Party will be less infused by such thinking; it may seem equally hard to imagine a GOP that's less white bread. But it's worth remembering that between 1944 and 1964 black identification with the GOP ranged between 23 percent and 39 percent. If it were possible to regain those numbers, everyone would win. There would be a more moderate GOP, a more sensible Democratic Party and blacks themselves would be genuine swing voters, courted with the same fervor that Catholics, Californians and other constituencies now enjoy. Though most black Democrats still won't acknowledge the obvious benefits to all of a strong black voice in the GOP, a few did. "I don't think Kemp will be effective," says the Reverend Benjamin Hooks, the former head of the NAACP. "But it would obviously benefit both parties." Amen.

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# Clinton campaign focuses on winning back Congress

BY ROBERT NOVAK

When U.S. President Bill Clinton donned his commander-in-chief's hat to punish Saddam Hussein, he pushed the 1996 political campaign to a new stage: the battle for the control of Congress.

It is difficult to fully describe the frustration experienced by Bob Dole's managers when, facing a double-digit deficit (21 points in two published polls), they now must cope with Clinton firing cruise missiles at Iraq. Both sides agree that it is much too early to write off the presidential race, but the hill that Dole must climb has become very steep indeed.

Accordingly, the post-Labor Day talk of the town in Washington, D.C., concerns this question: When should Republicans running for Congress declare the battle cry "Every candidate for himself" and abandon the presidential race? Less overtly, Clinton is becoming more and more involved in electing a Democratic Congress.

This move by Clinton defies the conventional wisdom that the president is not much of a party man who might be quite content to go into his second term with a Republican-controlled Congress. In truth, that description was accurate only as long as Clinton perceived himself as barely holding his own in a very close race for re-election.

A big lead, which may be made even bigger by the latest Iraq crisis, transforms Clinton. His competitive juices flowing, he now frequently calls for a Democratic Congress.

That was never more evident than on Clinton's triumphant train ride from West Virginia to the Democratic convention in Chicago. Although the trip was crafted to go through normally Republican small towns to carve away at what remains of the Dole vote, the whistle-stop also made clear for the first time that the president was seriously campaigning for a Democratic Congress.

During his stop at East Lansing, Mich., Clinton went out of his way to promote the candidacy of former state Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a big-time politician with statewide aspirations. She opposes Rep. Dick Chrysler, who has been singled out by organized labor and the Democratic Party as one of the most conspicuous conservative targets in the nation.

Clinton knows exactly who Stabenow is and what the stakes are. No previous president — not even political junkie Richard M. Nixon — ever was so aware of the congressional map of the United States. Furthermore, Clinton is unlike past Republican landslide presidential winners Nixon and Ronald Reagan. They were not interested — Nixon ostentatiously so — in helping the party's congressional candidates. Each pursued and each fell one short of a 50-state sweep. Clinton has no such illusions and clearly is directing himself to congressional races.

That is building a major push in Republican ranks to jettison the Dole-Kemp ticket and try to save Republican control of Congress. At the very least, the 15 percent to 25 percent of GOP voters who are defecting to vote for Clinton might be persuaded to prevent a Democratic-controlled House in the 105th Congress where Rep. Charles Rangel becomes chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee and Rep. Henry Gonzalez is restored as chairman of the Fed-watching Banking Committee.

But it is not that easy. Consider Ohio, where Dole is now running far behind. Two-term Rep. Martin Hoke is the state's top Republican target and would seem to be in very serious trouble in what is basically a Democratic northeast Ohio district. His hope is that his Democratic opponent is state Sen. Dennis Kucinich, who faces the problem of voters remembering his brief but bizarre tenure as mayor of Cleveland nearly two decades ago.

Consequently, Hoke now runs well ahead of Dole in his district. Too far. The private guess by Ohio Republican strategists is that if Clinton carries the district by more than 7 percentage points, you can address Kucinich as congressman.

Typically endangered by the president is conservative freshman Rep. Randy Tate of Washington, who is perhaps the No. 1 national target of liberals and labor. Clinton runs well ahead in Tate's Tacoma area district. National Republican strategists fret that few voters will really enter the polling booth Nov. 5 to vote for both Clinton and Tate.

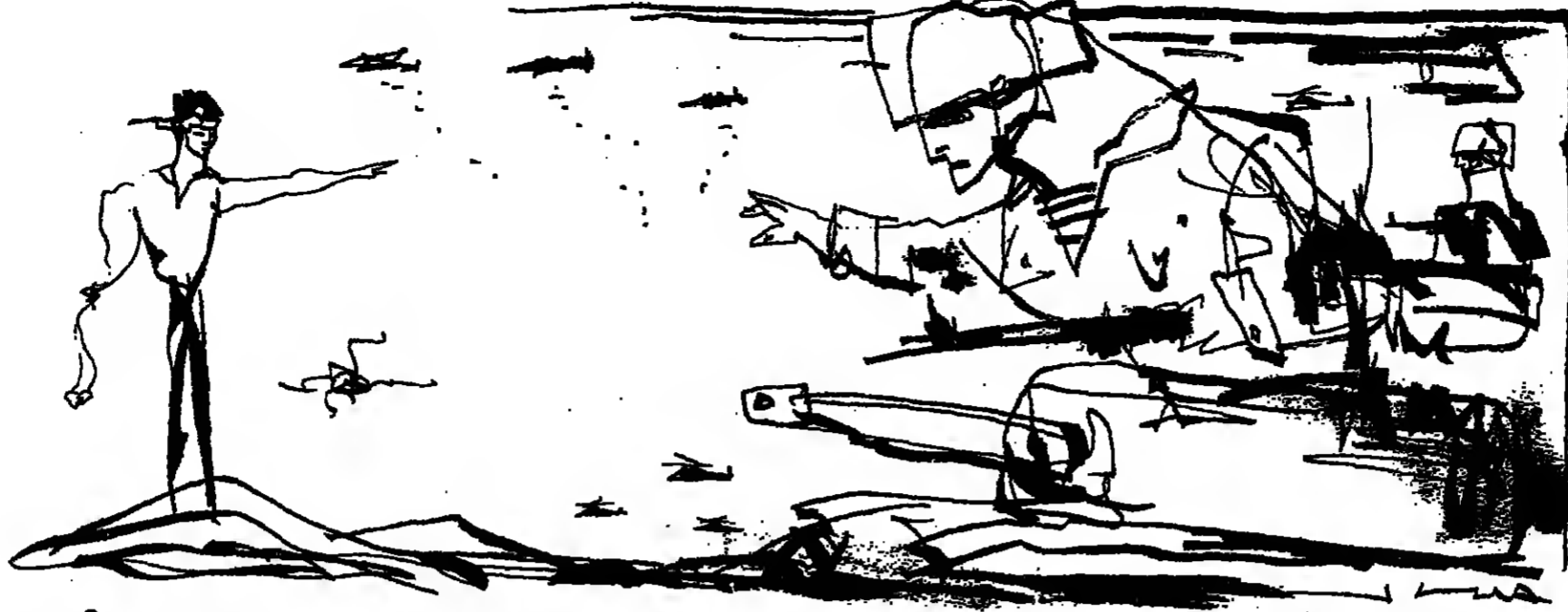
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## Beating Goliath is easier than it seems

A military historian reveals that almost all recent wars of insurgents against powerful regular armies have ended in victory for the rebels, writes Abraham Rabinovitch

**T**HE most surprising aspect of the humbling of the Russian army by the ragtag fighters of Chechnya is that the world is still amazed at victories of insurgents against powerful regular armies. The world, says Prof. Martin van Creveld of the Hebrew University, should know better. "There have been about 100 such wars since 1945, and all but one or two have ended in the victory of the insurgents," the noted military historian said in an interview this week. The failure of Israel to suppress the intifada is only a minor example of this seeming anomaly. "In Vietnam, the Americans dropped three times as many bombs as they had against Germany and Japan together in the Second World War, but they had no real target to hit," notes van Creveld. Two million Vietnamese died, in America's futile struggle to impose its will on that area and a million died in France's futile attempt to retain its hegemony in Algeria. Struggles involving irregular forces

at least on one side are sometimes referred to as "low-intensity conflicts," but van Creveld notes that many of these conflicts, such as in Bosnia and Chechnya, are in fact of extremely high intensity. The terms guerrilla warfare or terrorism are often used in connection with such "unconventional" struggles. The Germans used the term "banditry" to describe what they were up against in the very first of these modern conflicts, says van Creveld - the failed attempt to suppress Yugoslav partisans in World War II. Van Creveld himself prefers the term "non-trinitarian" warfare. The phrase refers to Von Clausewitz's statement that war is based on "a remarkable trinity of government, army and people." The emergence following the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 of modern states - independent entities distinct from royal rulers - marked the beginning of "trinitarian" warfare in which states mobilized their power to engage in direct confrontation with other, similarly mobilized, states.

Military doctrine, training and equipment were geared by all states toward combat with the armies of other states, the most dangerous opponents visible. World War II was the devastating culmination of 300 years of "trinitarian" warfare. Since then, however, the great majority of conflicts have pitted states not against other states but against rebels with a cause who were without clear infrastructures that can be targeted and smashed. Military doctrine, however, has not made the adjustment. It has remained a puzzle, even to experts, why, in this repeated version of David and Goliath, Goliath keeps taking a fall. During a meeting at a European think tank last year, van Creveld discussed the Chechnya fighting with a former deputy US secretary of state. "He kept saying that what was happening was because the Russians weren't using everything they had," van Creveld said. "But that's nonsense. After 50 years of this kind of warfare people keep inventing all kinds of excuses, like the army not using everything it has or not being ruthless enough or being betrayed by politicians. "You can't say the Germans weren't ruthless. They killed a million Yugoslavs and still didn't succeed. What the Americans did in Vietnam was closer to genocide than war. They dropped six million tons of TNT; the equivalent force of the two atom

bombs it dropped on Japan was 35,000 tons." If instead of the intifada the Palestinians had attempted to confront Israel in organized battalions, "we would have made mincemeat of them in 48 hours," says van Creveld. That is precisely what happened in the opening of the Lebanon War in 1982, he notes, when organized Palestinian military units engaged the invading Israeli army. Given the likelihood that the Palestinians would, if they again enter into conflict with Israel, adopt an intifada-like mode rather than a form of combat Israel would prefer, the political implications are clear, says van Creveld. "We will not be able to hold on to the territories forever. One way or another the Palestinians will have, if not a full state, then certainly a political entity. And the sooner the better." The outstanding exception to the pattern of humiliation inflicted on regular armies by irregular indigenous forces in the past half century is the success of the Syrian army in imposing itself on Lebanon in the 1970s and 1980s. Although the subject has not been properly researched, van Creveld suspects there were three principal reasons for Hafez Assad's success. First-class intelligence information on his fearful neighbor would have been basic. Beyond that was the reputation for ruthlessness he had won for himself when in 1982 he

used artillery and tanks to destroy a good part of one of his own cities, Hama, to suppress a Moslem Brotherhood uprising. Some 20-30,000 Syrian citizens were killed in the operation. "He heeded Machiavelli's rules for using cruelty: Be hard, fast; do it in the open and don't apologize. Assad didn't apologize. On the contrary, he made it clear he would do it again if he felt he had to." Israel, notes the historian, behaved in exactly the opposite fashion when it profusely apologized following the accidental killing of close to 100 Lebanese civilians by its artillery during Operation Grapes of Wrath. A third reason for the Syrian success, suggests van Creveld, is that its forces in Lebanon have motivation for staying there by being permitted to partake in "a roaring trade," including drugs, a factor which also creates a symbiosis with the local population. The emerging de-motivation among Israel's youth for military service, says van Creveld, stems in good part from the intifada, which imposed on the army the suppression of a civilian population. "I predicted this would happen," he said. "The only surprise is that it's taken this long." Van Creveld advocates not only separation of Israel and the Palestinians but the construction of a concrete wall between the two to prevent infiltration. "Barbed wire isn't good enough."

## The battle for the environment rages on

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**I**T always seems that the urge to sum up things and to evaluate them becomes almost overpowering at this time of year. Of course we approach the matter hoping to see that things have really improved over the past year. In this, those who are watching developments in our environment are no exception. And, as is so very often true, the message we get here in Israel is a mixed one, or as it often said: there's good news and there's bad news.

One of the most encouraging things of all is the degree to which the average Israeli has become aware that there really are environmental issues to be addressed. People who only a few years ago had never thought about these things are now, at least, talking about them. And who knows, perhaps eventually there may even be a political leader far-sighted enough to address the environmental issues facing us in a realistic manner, perhaps even include these matters in his or her party platform. And then, very much on the plus side is the fact that the courts are beginning to take crimes against the environment more seriously. For example, in the ruling of a Tiberias magistrate against the Safed Municipality and against builders obliging them to see that there was proper infrastructure, including sewage treatment and disposal, before they will be allowed to fill the newly built and, as yet, vacant housing in the suburb of Nof Kinneret. Not only was this decision handed down, but when the accused appealed the verdict, it was upheld by the higher court, thus setting a precedent. In Haifa, air pollution is at an all-time low thanks to the decisions of the courts in several important suits, and despite all objections the companies concerned have been forced to obey the law. But, unfortunately, just as much as the situation vis-a-vis air pollution in Haifa has improved, it has worsened in Jerusalem. So far, the municipality has been dragging its collective feet over this matter and new regulations are long overdue. The disposal of toxic waste has somewhat improved but there's still a long way to go before we can see ourselves properly rid of these noxious products. Nor have we yet addressed the issue of toxic waste that is not industrial, but domestic and agricultural. This should be a priority for the coming year. There have also been a number of attempts to clean up the waterways and the sea coasts and to prohibit the further dumping of toxic waste at sea. These efforts are commendable but still fall far short of what is needed. But all in all, even though it seems at times that development of formerly rural and natural areas is completely out of control and although it looks as if soon the entire seafront is going to be one big, polluted marina, still it is better to look upon the glass and note that it is half full, than to dismiss it as half empty. That may superficially seem simple, naive optimism, but it is this faith in a better future that makes things possible.

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### Hindi widows cast out by society

**D**EVOTION is the driving force in the river town of Vrindavan, India. The chants of the faithful blend with the chiming of bells from 5,000 temples. But the prayers rising from one small alley have an especially soulful tone. They are the devotions of widows - some still in their early 20s - who were cast away from their families and shunned by society after their husbands died. In India's ritualistic, male-dominated Hindu society, widowhood is a little-noticed dimension of the discrimination that women face. Among superstitious families, a widow often is blamed by her in-laws for her husband's death. Unless she controls property, she is treated shabbily and even ostracized. Vrindavan developed into a Hindu pilgrimage center early in this century and soon became a refuge for cast-out widows, who believe that by dying in such a holy town they can break the cycle of birth and re-birth. At the six shelters for widows in Vrindavan, more than 2,000 widows gather each morning to begin prayers that last until nightfall. Dressed uniformly in white cotton saris and with their heads covered, they sit in a courtyard around an altar with an idol of Lord Krishna surrounded by burning incense sticks. Their heads bob up and down to the monotonous drone of "Hare Rama. Hare Krishna." Each widow is given two rupees (7 cents) every evening and a cupful of uncooked rice and lentils, enough for one meal. "We have no limit here. Anybody who comes here and spends the day singing odes is entitled to the bounty," says Bipin Sharma of the Bhagwan Bhajan Ashram Trust, which runs two homes for widows in Vrindavan. Before they begin their prayers, many women work, earning about 350 rupees (\$10) a month cleaning temples. Half that goes to rent a room, often shared by as many as three widows. "I am too ill to work, so my 12-year-old daughter earns by stitching and sewing," says Jashoda Rani, 35. Rani fled to her brother's house after her husband died four years ago, but came to Vrindavan when he, too, abandoned her. There are few options for widows. Hindus frown on remarriage for women, though there are no such social barriers for men. Family members go to the extent of ensuring that widows turn vegetarian, believing that eating meat arouses sexual desire. Until modern times, widows were expected to jump on their husbands' funeral pyre in a tradition known as *sati*. The practice was outlawed decades ago, but the last known case occurred as recently as 1987. Most women in Vrindavan have little to look forward to. It is the dead end of their lives, and for some it comes early. "I was married off when I was five years old. My husband, whom I never saw, was 13 and he died one month after the wedding," says Gita Devi, who at age 77 is among the most veteran members of the shelter she helps run. According to the World Bank, 65 percent of Indian women older than 60 are widows. That rises to 80% for women older than 70. "Widowhood reflects the status of women in India," says Anne Tinker, a World Bank specialist who has studied Indian women for four years. As India modernizes, attitudes toward women take bizarre contradictions. Indian women fly air force jets, head million-dollar corporations and sit in Parliament - but the last known case occurred as recently as 1987. But it's a different story for most women. Infanticide of newborn girls and abortion of female fetuses has reduced the number of women to 927 for every 1,000 men. On average, girl infants are weaned two months earlier than boys. Girls get less food than their brothers and often are forced to stay home to help their mothers rather than go to school. "In a phenomenon known as 'dowry deaths,' young brides who fail to satisfy rapacious in-laws with gifts from their families are murdered in 'kitchen accidents' or tormented into suicide." "In India, where a woman's identity is determined by her being an appendage to a male, widowhood has a much larger dimension than losing a husband," says Vrinda Karat of the All India Democratic Women's Association. (AP)

Hindu widows, never to remarry, pray to the Hindu Lord Krishna in Vrindavan, India. (AP)

Gita Devi, widowed at age 5, runs a shelter for Hindu widows. (AP)

# US wins ice hockey World Cup behind Richter's goaltending

**MONTREAL (Reuters)** - The United States scored the tying and go-ahead goals 43 seconds apart late in the third period and poured in two more for good measure in a 5-2 win Saturday over Canada to claim the World Cup championship.

With Canada ahead 2-1, Brian Leach fired a 50-footer for the Americans from the blue line, which Brett Hull tipped past goalie Curtis Joseph to tie the score with 3:18 remaining.

Amonte's game-winner came at 17:25 as the forward banged home a rebound off a shot by Derian Haucher.

The goals by Hull and Amonte were both reviewed by replay officials - Hull's to see if he had held his stick too high on the deflection, and Amonte's to determine if he had kicked the puck in.

Both goals were upheld and the fired-up Americans scored twice more to turn the final moments into a wild celebration as the US team prevailed two games to one in the inaugural World Cup of Hockey championship.

The victory marked the most significant US international ice hockey triumph since the Miracle at Lake Placid in the 1980 Olympics.

US goaltender Mike Richter, who stopped 35 shots, including 21 in the second period, was named the tournament Most Valuable Player and awarded a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

"I'll tell you what, the guy who just took the motorcycle home won the game for us," said Hull, who scored the first two goals of the game for the Americans. "We came out and played well but Canada just blitzed us."

"If it wasn't for Mike, we weren't in the game at all. We've got to tip our hats to him."

For awhile, it appeared Adam Foote's goal with 7:10 remaining, which gave Canada a 2-1 lead, would help Canada continue its dominance of international hockey.

Richter, who played valiantly and stopped the first 31 shots he faced, was screened and never saw Foote's wrist shot from the right point.

Foote, a Colorado Avalanche defenseman who has only 13 goals in 280 NHL games, sailed it over Richter's left shoulder for his first goal of the tournament.

But the Americans stormed back with a dizzying four goals in the last three minutes 18 seconds.

Canada, which outshot the Americans 37-25, dominated most of the game and only Richter, making spectacular saves, prevented a Canadian rout.

The US opened the scoring on a power play at 11:18 of the first period when Hull blasted a rising 30-foot slap shot into the far corner past Joseph.

Hull was booed constantly by the crowd of 21,273. Born in Canada, he is a dual citizen of both countries, and has chosen to play for the US after being rejected in 1986 by Team Canada.

The US had few good scoring chances after Hull's power-play goal and Canada outshot them in the middle stanza 22-9 but could not score until big Eric Lindros hit with only six seconds left in the period.

Lindros tied the game 1-1 at 19:54, hitting with a spinning 10-footer during a power play.

Then came the brief Canada lead on Foote's goal in the third period followed by the American stampede at the finish.

"I feel elated because we won but also because a group of guys cared enough about each other to come in here, in a hostile building, a hostile environment... and never give up," said US coach Ron Wilson, who guides the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

"We gave them hell in the final four minutes and deserved the game. We were literally assaulted on the ice and we withstood it. I have nothing but joy and pride."

Canada coach Glen Sather, general manager of the Edmonton Oilers, said there was a natural let-down after Hull's tying goal, which he thought would be disallowed.

"The US is a good team filled with NHL players," Sather said. "The game could have gone either way. 'We controlled the play the whole night but couldn't score. I don't know why.'"

Canada's Mark Messier, a New York Rangers teammate of Richter's, supplied the answer. "The United States had the better team throughout the tournament," said Messier. "Tonight, Mike Richter was the reason they won."

"He was tremendous. We couldn't beat him. It's that simple."

Canada 0 1 1 - 2  
United States 1 0 4 - 5

First Period - 1, United States, Hull 8 (Leitch, Weigh), 11:18 (pp) Penalties - Cheeks, USA (holding), 2:49; Lemieux, Can (interference), 7:37; Damphouse, Can (holding), 10:29.

Second Period - 2, Canada, Lindros 3 (Colley, Gretzky), 19:55 (pp) Penalties - Lindros, Can (high-sticking), 5:08; Guerin, USA (cross-checking), 8:28; Cheeks, USA (slashing), 10:16; Fleury, Can (roughing), 10:42; D.Hatcher, USA (roughing), 10:42; Sheahan, Can (interference), 14:16; Foote, Can, (double minor (slashing), 18:38; Tashak, USA, (interference), 18:38; Stevens, Can (roughing), 18:32; Otto, USA (roughing), 18:32; D.Hatcher, USA (roughing), 19:14.

This Period - 3, Canada, Foote 1, 12:50, 4, United States, Amonte 2 (D.Hatcher), 17:25, 6, United States, D.Hatcher 19:16 (ent), 7, United States, Deadmarsh 2, 19:43. Penalties - Coffey Can, (high-sticking), 3:29; Guerin, USA (high-sticking), 8:28.

Shot on goal - Canada 10-22-5-37. United States 5-9-11-25.

Power-play Opportunities - Canada 1 of 5; United States 1 of 4.

Goalies - Canada, Joseph (7 shots-6 saves), Broderick (10:16 second, 0-0), Joseph (10:42 second, 17-14), United States Richter (37-35).

A - 21,273.

# McGwire reaches 50-homer mark

## Hundley breaks Campanella's home run record for catchers

**CLEVELAND** - Oakland Athletics slugger Mark McGwire reached one lofty milestone on Saturday, and 40-year-old wonder Paul Molitor approached another in losing causes in American League baseball action.

McGwire powered home runs in each game of a doubleheader loss to the Cleveland Indians to reach the 50-homer mark, and Molitor had two hits in a losing effort against Seattle that left him just two shy of the coveted 3,000-hit mark.

Cleveland posted a pair of 9s to register a doubleheader sweep of the Athletics, despite the booming bat of Oakland slugger Mark McGwire.

McGwire, who began the season on the disabled list and has missed 29 games because of injuries, became just the 13th player in history to hit 50 home runs in a season.

"Considering how I started the season, to think what I have done so far is very self-gratifying," said McGwire, who slugged 49 homers as a rookie in 1987.

"I couldn't expect for anything more," he said. "I was just supposed to be ready until the All-Star break (in July). And to even have an opportunity to hit 50 homers is something special."

In the opener, Kevin Seitzer capped a four-run fourth inning with a bases-clearing double and Charles Nagy (16-4) won his fourth straight start in a 9-2 romp.

In the second game, Albert Belle's three-run homer - No. 46 on the season - capped a five-run fourth inning and the Indians held on for 9-8 win.

**Marlins 5, Twins 3**  
Rich Amaral scored on a throwing error by shortstop Jeff Reboulet and Alex Rodriguez added a sacrifice fly in the top of the 10th to lead the visiting Seattle Mariners to their third straight victory.

Molitor, Minnesota's designated hitter, went 2-for-4, leaving him just two hits shy of 3,000. The remarkable Molitor leads the league with 209 hits this year.

**Yankees 3, Blue Jays 1**  
Paul O'Neill hit a tying double and scored on Cecil Fielder's single as visiting New York rallied in the eighth for its fifth straight win.

Kenny Rogers, making his first start for the Yankees since September 1, gave up one run in four-plus innings. He was pulled three pitches into the fifth because of an inflamed left shoulder.

Brian Boehringer (2-3) pitched three hitless innings and tied a career-high with five strikeouts. John Wetland struck out the side in the ninth for his 41st save.

Pat Hentgen (17-10) gave up three runs and 11 hits in 8 2/3 innings.

Orioles 7, Tigers 6  
Todd Zeile's leadoff homer ignited a four-run rally in the seventh inning as visiting Baltimore stayed on New York's heels in the AL East.

Baltimore's rain-delayed win, its seventh in eight games, left the Orioles 3 1/2 games behind the Yankees, and maintained their 1 1/2-game lead over the Chicago White Sox in the wild-card chase.

Detroit has lost eight straight, five to the Orioles.

Home runs by Phil Nevin and Tony Clark helped the Tigers build a 6-1 lead after five innings.

Terry Mathews (1-1) pitched 2 1/2 innings of shutout relief for the win. Randy Myers put runners at second and third in the ninth, but got Travis Fryman to ground out for his 29th save.

John Cummings (3-1), the first of several ineffective Tigers relievers for starter Omar Olivares, allowed four runs and five hits in just 1 1/2 innings.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Mets 6, Braves 5  
In New York, Todd Hundley batted a record-breaking homer to cap a five-run, seventh-inning rally and Lance Johnson singled home the winner in the 12th.

Hundley's three-run homer to the opposite field tied the score 5-5 and was his 41st of the season and broke the record for homers in a season by a catcher set by Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1953.

"I was sitting on a changeup," said Hundley, who guessed right. "When I felt it hit the bat, I knew it was gone. This record is nice, but the bottom line is winning."

Johnson won it with his 207th hit of the season - the most in the National League since Tony Gwynn's 218 in 1987.

The sputtering Braves, who scored the first five runs of the game and had Steve Avery on the mound, had their lead in the National League East sliced to 4 1/2 games over the Montreal Expos despite a five-hit game from Terry Pendleton.

**Dodgers 9, Cardinals 5**  
Light-hitting Greg Gagne hit a three-run home run, and rookie Todd Hollandsworth had four hits and threw out a potential tying run as host Los Angeles stayed one-half game ahead of San Diego in the NL West.

**SATURDAY'S AL RESULTS:**  
Chicago 13, Minnesota 3 (10)  
Cleveland 9, Oakland 2 (1st)  
Cleveland 9, Oakland 8 (2nd)  
New York 3, Toronto 1  
Kansas City 8, California 5  
Baltimore 7, Detroit 6  
Milwaukee 8, Texas 6

**FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:**  
Oakland at Cleveland, pp'd., rain  
Baltimore 7, Detroit 6  
New York 4, Toronto 1  
Boston 9, Chicago 5  
Kansas City 8, California 7  
Seattle 13, Minnesota 2  
Milwaukee 6, Texas 4

**THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:**  
New York 12, Detroit 3  
Cleveland 11, California 2  
Chicago 11, Baltimore 3  
Seattle 8, Kansas City 5  
Minnesota 4, Oakland 3 (12)  
Milwaukee 15, Texas 4

**SATURDAY'S NL RESULTS:**  
New York 6, Atlanta 5 (12)  
Philadelphia 6, Chicago 2  
Colorado 7, Houston 3  
Pittsburgh 7, San Francisco 5 (12)  
San Diego 3, Cincinnati 2 (12)  
Montreal 3, Florida 2  
Los Angeles 9, St. Louis 5

**FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:**  
Chicago 4, Philadelphia 2  
Montreal 3, Florida 2  
New York 6, Atlanta 4  
Colorado 6, Houston 3  
Cincinnati 3, San Diego 1  
Pittsburgh 9, San Francisco 9  
St. Louis 2, Los Angeles 8

**THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:**  
Houston 4, Philadelphia 1  
Colorado 16, Atlanta 8  
Montreal 5, Florida 4  
Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 1  
Pittsburgh 10, San Francisco 4

**AL LEADERS**  
Batting - Rodriguez, Seattle, .368; Molitor, Minnesota, .343; Thomas, Cleveland, .341; Knoblauch, Minnesota, .337; Ramirez, Baltimore, .335; Greer, Texas, .332; Gonzalez, Texas, .326; Martinez, Seattle, .326.

**RUNS** - Rodriguez, Seattle, 131; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 128; Lofton, Cleveland, 128; Ramirez, Baltimore, 122; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 114; Belle, Cleveland, 113; Phillips, Chicago, 106.

**REB** - Belle, Cleveland, 140; Gonzalez, Texas, 133; RFA, Palmiro, Baltimore, 132; MVA, Boston, 128; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 127; Sauer, Seattle, 124; Rodriguez, Seattle, 118.

**HITS** - Molitor, Minnesota, 209; Rodriguez, Seattle, 200; Lofton, Cleveland, 197; MVA, Boston, 187; Rodriguez, Texas, 183; Ramirez, Baltimore, 180; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 178.

**HOME RUNS** - McGwire, Oakland, 50; Belle, Cleveland, 46; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 45; Gonzalez, Texas, 44; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 44; MVA, Boston, 39; Buhner, Seattle, 38.

**STOLEN BASES** - Lofton, Cleveland, 72; TGD, Kansas City, 66; Nixon, Toronto, 51; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 50; Vizquel, Cleveland, 34; Durham, Chicago, 29; McAmers, Texas, 29.

**PITCHING (17 Decisions)** - Nagy, Cleveland, 16-4, 800, 3.33; Pettitte, New York, 21-8, 724, 4.13; Pavik, Texas, 16-7, 872, 4.99; Elwasi, Seattle, 12-6, 667, 5.05; D'Owler, Texas, 12-6, 662, 4.86; Mussina, Baltimore, 19-10, 655, 4.77; Alvarez, Chicago, 15-8, 652, 4.07.

**STRIKEOUTS** - Clemens, Boston, 219; Aprior, Kansas City, 197; Finley, California, 189; Mussina, Baltimore, 186; Fernandez, Chicago, 183; Alvarez, Chicago, 178; Guzman, Toronto, 165.

**SAVES** - Wetteland, New York, 41; Hernandez, Chicago, 37; Percival, California, 34; Mesa, Cleveland, 34; Heynyer, Texas, 30; Fetters, Milwaukee, 29; Ramirez, Baltimore, 28.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
East Division	84	63	.571	-	7-3	Won 5	43-28	41-35
New York	81	67	.547	3 1/2	2-8	Won 2	41-36	40-31
Baltimore	81	67	.547	3 1/2	2-8	Won 2	41-36	40-31
Boston	75	73	.507	9 1/2	4-6	Lost 1	42-32	33-41
Toronto	67	81	.453	17 1/2	4-6	Lost 2	32-43	35-38
Detroit	51	98	.342	34	1-9	Lost 8	27-44	24-54
Central Division	89	58	.605	-	8-2	Won 6	45-27	44-31
Cleveland	89	58	.605	-	8-2	Won 6	45-27	44-31
Chicago	89	58	.605	-	8-2	Won 6	45-27	44-31
Minnesota	74	74	.500	15 1/2	5-5	Lost 2	37-41	37-33
Milwaukee	73	77	.487	17 1/2	5-5	Won 3	35-41	38-36
Kansas City	69	80	.463	21	3-9	Lost 2	33-41	36-39
West Division	83	65	.561	-	5-5	Won 4	46-30	37-35
Texas	83	65	.561	-	5-5	Won 4	46-30	37-35
Seattle	76	70	.521	7 1/2	5-5	Won 3	37-37	39-33
Oakland	71	79	.473	13	5-5	Lost 4	36-29	35-40
California	65	84	.438	16 1/2	1-8	Lost 8	39-34	26-50

**NL LEADERS**  
Batting - Piazza, Los Angeles, .347; Burk, Colorado, .342; Grais, Chicago, .336; Johnson, New York, .331; EYoung, Colorado, .329; Bichette, Colorado, .323; Gilkey, New York, .322.

**RUNS** - Burk, Colorado, 134; Finley, San Diego, 117; Sheffield, Florida, 112; Opatore, Atlanta, 111; Biggio, Houston, 110; Bonds, San Francisco, 110; Galarraga, Colorado, 109.

**REB** - Galarraga, Colorado, 135; Bichette, Colorado, 132; Burk, Colorado, 121; Sheffield, Florida, 118; Camilli, San Diego, 116; Bonds, San Francisco, 116; Bagwell, Houston, 115.

**HITS** - Johnson, New York, 207; Burk, Colorado, 198; Bichette, Colorado, 189; Grieson, Atlanta, 188; Grudzielank, Montreal, 187; Martin, Pittsburgh, 179; Finley, San Diego, 178.

**HOME RUNS** - Galarraga, Colorado, 43; Sheffield, Florida, 42; Hundley, New York, 41; Sosa, Chicago, 40; Bonds, San Francisco, 39; Burk, Colorado, 38; Castella, Colorado, 37.

**STOLEN BASES** - EYoung, Colorado, 50; Johnson, New York, 48; DeShazo, Los Angeles, 45; Larkin, Cincinnati, 39; McRae, Chicago, 35; Henderson, San Diego, 35; Grudzielank, Montreal, 33; Martin, Pittsburgh, 33.

**PITCHING (17 Decisions)** - Smoltz, Atlanta, 12-6, 867, 3.68; AnBened, St. Louis, 17-9, 654, 3.80; Niekles, Los Angeles, 15-7, 659, 3.40; Valenzuela, San Diego, 15-7, 650, 3.48; Reynolds, Houston, 16-6, 640, 3.63; Neagle, Atlanta, 14-8, 636, 3.32.

**STRIKEOUTS** - Smoltz, Atlanta, 255; Nomis, Los Angeles, 216; PJMarinez, Montreal, 210; Fassero, Montreal, 205; Kay, Houston, 194; Reynolds, Houston, 188; Latta, Florida, 178.

**SAVES** - TWorrell, Los Angeles, 42; JBrantley, Cincinnati, 39; Hoffman, San Diego, 36; Wohlers, Atlanta, 34; Beck, San Francisco, 33; Bolanos, Philadelphia, 31; Neft, Florida, 31; Rojas, Montreal, 31.

**MAKING HISTORY** - Mets catcher Todd Hundley raises his hat to the crowd after hitting his record-breaking 41st homer for catchers. (Reuters)

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
East Division	86	61	.585	-	2-8	Lost 6	50-24	36-37
Atlanta	82	66	.554	4 1/2	2-6-4	Won 2	47-28	35-38
Montreal	71	79	.473	16 1/2	3-7	Lost 4	46-29	25-50
Florida	67	81	.453	19 1/2	6-4	Won 3	41-35	26-48
Philadelphia	60	89	.403	27	2-6	Won 1	31-41	29-48
Central Division	80	69	.537	-	2-6-4	Lost 1	43-32	37-37
St. Louis	79	72	.520	2 1/2	4-6	Lost 2	44-31	34-41
Houston	74	73	.503	5 1/2	5-5	Lost 1	42-34	32-38
Chicago	74	74	.500	5 1/2	5-5	Lost 1	40-34	34-40
Cincinnati	62	85	.422	17	2-5-5	Won 3	30-41	32-44
Pittsburgh	62	85	.422	17	2-5-5	Won 3	30-41	32-44
West Division	83	65	.561	-	7-3	Won 1	44-30	39-35
Los Angeles	83	66	.557	1 1/2	6-4	Won 1	42-32	41-34
San Diego	78	71	.523	5 1/2	7-3	Won 7	38-22	28-49
Colorado	78	71	.523	5 1/2	7-3	Won 7	38-22	28-49
San Francisco	60	87	.408	22 1/2	2-8	Lost 3	33-40	27-47

**WILD CARD RACE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	81	67	.547	-
Chicago	80	68	.537	1 1/2
Seattle	76	70	.521	4
Boston	75	73	.507	6
Minnesota	74	74	.500	7

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	83	66	.557	-
Montreal	78	72	.520	5 1/2
Chicago	74	74	.500	10 1/2
Cincinnati	74	74	.500	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	62	85	.422	17

**WEST DIVISION**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	83	65	.561	-
San Diego	83	66	.557	1 1/2
Colorado	78	71	.523	5 1/2
San Francisco	60	87	.408	22 1/2

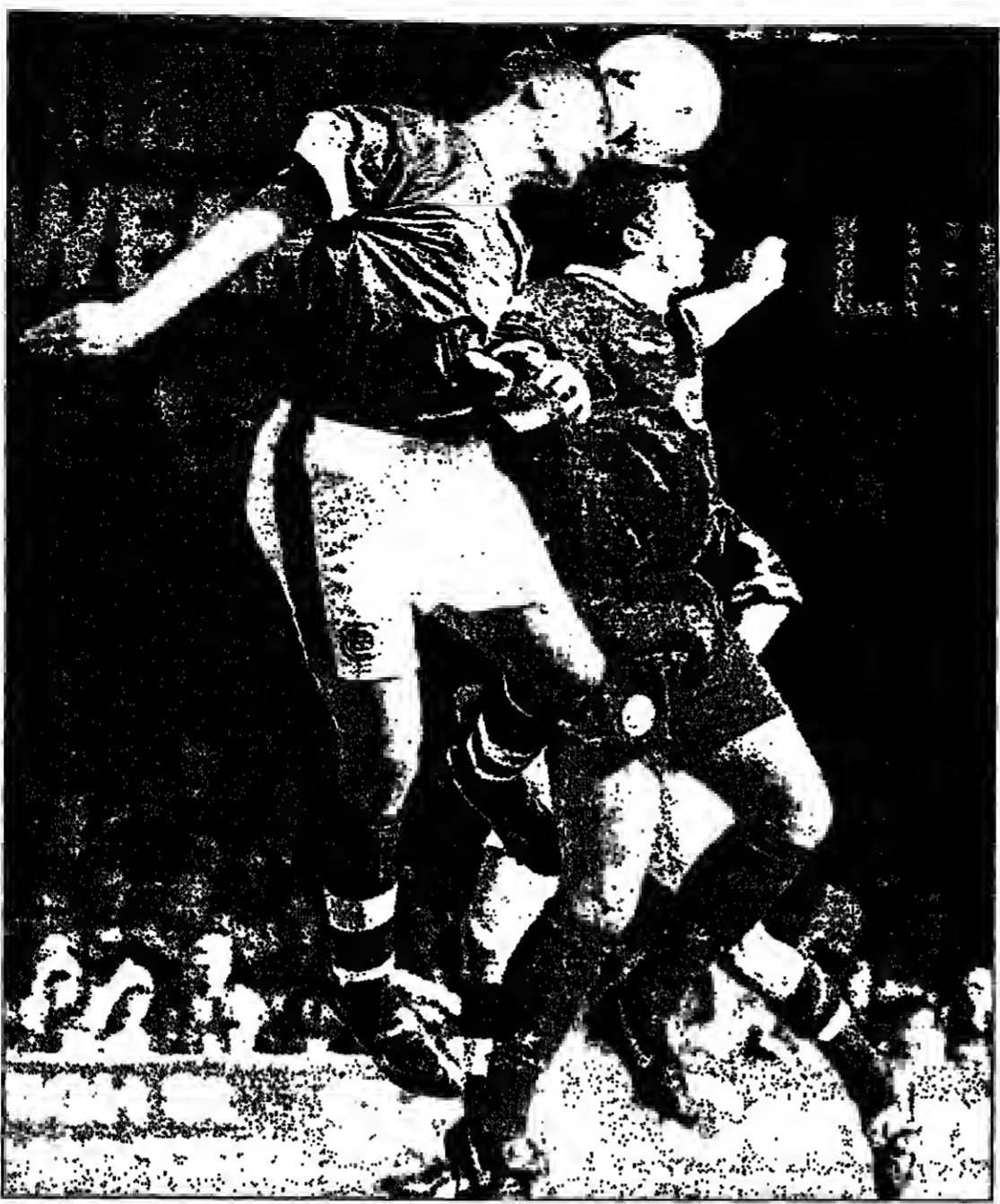
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**MAKING HISTORY**

Liverpool tops Premier League table

LONDON (Reuters) - Czech international Patrick Berger scored his first two goals for Liverpool yesterday in a 3-0 win at newly promoted Leicester...



HEAD UP - Leicester's Steve Walsh (l) challenges Liverpool's Robbie Fowler for the ball.

Matteo. Chelsea took control in the second half but failed to find the winner which would have kept them in touch with Liverpool...

Nottingham Forest 4-1, and early pacesetter Sheffield Wednesday. Wednesday can leapfrog back to the top today when it faces Arsenal...

Asked about the penalty decision, which brought a storm of protests from his former colleagues, he said: "No one intends to handle the ball in the box, but it hit (Hendry's) hand, and in my opinion if it hits your hand in the area it's a penalty."

Goalkeeper Tim Flowers, who has played with Shearer at Southampton, Blackburn and for England, guessed correctly, diving to his right, and almost saved the kick. "Tim phoned me last night and told me he'd know which way to go if there was a penalty," Shearer said with a smile.

Premier League table showing teams like Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal, Chelsea, and their respective goals for, against, and points.

Adams admits alcohol abuse

LONDON (AP) - Former England captain Tony Adams, explaining his latest bout with alcohol that began after this summer's loss in the European Championship, described himself Saturday as an alcoholic "on the road to recovery."

Surrey ends 14-year title drought

LONDON (Reuters) - Surrey put 14 years of frustration behind it by capturing the Sunday League title with a convincing seven-wicket win over Glamorgan in the season's final round of matches.

Table showing cricket statistics including runs scored, wickets taken, and other performance metrics for various teams.

Table titled 'Top 25 college football scores' listing game results, scores, and dates for various college football matches.

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Dow soars past 5,800 mark FTSE closes at record high

WALL STREET REPORT

WASHINGTON (AP) - Reports showing modest retail sales and steady consumer prices sent the stock market soaring to an all-time high as relieved investors became convinced the Federal Reserve won't raise interest rates this month.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that despite strong back-to-school demand, overall retail sales barely edged up in August, rising by just 0.2 percent, far below expectations.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that its Consumer Price Index rose a tiny 0.1%, reflecting big declines in clothing and energy costs.

Reacting to the two reports, the Dow Jones industrial average soared past the 5,800-mark for the first time in history to close at a record high of 5,838.52, up 66.58 for the day.

After the previous record close of 5,778 on May 22, the market had gone into a summer swoon as investors worried about rate hikes and poor performances by technology companies.

Friday also proved lucky for the bond market as it staged its biggest rally in more than a month, with heavy demand driving the yield on Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond down to 6.93%, compared to 7.07% on Thursday.

The administration, which is counting on a strong economy to persuade voters to give US President Clinton a second term, hailed the two new reports, saying they showed the president's policies are working.

"We are continuing on a path of solid growth, low inflation," said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin. "I think the outlook is very good."

Many private economists said the financial markets were correct in reading Friday's statistics as evidence Federal Reserve policy-makers will not boost interest rates when they meet September 24, their last session before the November elections.

"We had softer consumer spending and seasonally low price inflation," said Allen Sinai, chief global economist at Primark Decision Economics in New York. "That adds up to no Fed tightening."

Just a week ago, economists had the opposite view after a strong employment report pushed the jobless rate down to a seven-year low of 5.1%. Analysts said such a tight labor market would force the Fed to start raising interest rates to fight inflation.

Analysts said Friday's retail sales report should delay a rate hike, since it indicates the economy has begun to slow on its own. Consumer spending is considered critical since it accounts for two-thirds of the total economy.

The modest 0.2% gain in retail sales in August was sharply lower than the 1% spurt many analysts had been predicting and marked the third month sales have been lackluster.

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's FTSE Index closed the week at record highs as lower-than-expected US price data allayed worries about a possible US rate rise and investors looked ahead to more favorable earnings reports next week.

The FTSE closed Friday's session at 3,967.9 points, up 35.3 points on the day and 74.9 on the week.

FRANKFURT - German shares ended a busy session on Friday just shy of record highs, with the DAX index of 30 German blue-chips ending the day a full percentage point higher.

The DAX hit a bourse all-time high of 2,597.73 points earlier on before closing 25.64 points higher at 2,595.96 and up 78.96 on the week.

PARIS - Friday 13th proved lucky for French shares, with the bourse rallying strongly after US inflation and retail sales data soothing away fears of a Fed tightening on interest rates, traders said.

The blue-chip CAC-40 Index closed 15 points higher at 2,080.37.

That represented a gain of 75.62 on the week.

ZURICH - Swiss shares rose sharply near the end of the session on better-than-expected US price data, which countered the negative impact of Nestle's first-half profit figures.

The blue-chip Swiss Market Index took the 3,700-point hurdle after being depressed most of the day by Nestle's results which were somewhat disappointing, dealers said.

But a modest rise in US consumer prices soothed interest rate hike fears, helping futures and share prices in Zurich.

The all-share Swiss Performance Index gained 17.45 points to end at 2,379.42 up 46.72 from last Friday.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks soared to close nearly 2% higher on Friday.

Brokers said the market was relieved after fears that stock prices may fluctuate due to the settlement of the September futures and options had been soothed, brokers said.

The key 225-share Nikkei average was up 398.71 points to close at 20,842.64, a gain of 690.11 on the week.

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THE Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra opens its season with the first Open Studio lunchtime concert Wednesday at the Henry Crown Symphooy Hall in Jerusalem...

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★ ★ ★ STOLEN HEARTS - In their romantic comedy, Sandra Bullock and Denis Leary nag, bicker, make up and make out, neg. bicker, make up and make out, and so forth...



Emanuelle Beart is a secret agent in 'Mission: Impossible.'

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★ ★ ★ MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - Watching a quick, sharp entertainment like this, adapted from the popular TV show, one hardly knows whether to laugh or to cry...

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4 Boxing matches (5)
10 Quake (7)
11 Swagger (5)
12 Additional (5)
13 Reversal (7)
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- 2 Vigilant (5)
3 Clasp (7)
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9 Wager (5)
14 Pitcher (4)
16 Aid (4)
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20 Hermit (7)
21 Steeple (5)
23 Willow (5)
24 Command (5)
26 Let in (5)
28 Position (5)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1 Prospero's perverted tyrant (9)
9 Horn from a lank ox (6)
10 Ivan's rule was terrible in general (9)
11 Band in the theatre (6)
12 Boring routine that may be exhibited by a drill team (9)
13 Make cat sit still (6)
17 Clapped at the heart—by Cleopatra? (3)
19 Stranded silver ring (7)
20 Freed of entanglements, volunteered (7)
21 Performed—and can return for an encore (3)
23 Dangerous fuse an explosion reveals (6)
27 Talona hug brutally in attack (9)

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# IDF kills Hizbullah gunman in shootout

News agencies

IDF SOLDIERS killed at least one Hizbullah gunman and wounded several others in a clash in the central sector of the security zone on Friday.

An IDF force on patrol spotted the group of gunmen heading southward and pursued them, with the help of a helicopter.

Several gunmen eventually escaped, but helicopter pilots reported a number of fallen gunmen.

Foreign reports said one gunman was killed.

The firefight between the gunmen and IDF soldiers, who were also joined by an SLA force, continued for about an hour.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the infiltration and said its guerrillas wounded several IDF soldiers in an ambush against their patrol.

Northern Command sources said they believe the recent quiet in Lebanon was due to Hizbullah's effort to present itself in the Lebanese elections as a party that aims to improve life in southern Lebanon.

IDF sources believe that Hizbullah attacks on IDF and SLA forces would resume as soon as the elections are over. "We expect an escalation in Lebanon," an IDF source said.

Hizbullah threatened on Friday to launch suicide bombers against IDF forces if they mounted a new offensive in Lebanon.

"I promise and threaten this enemy that any new aggression against Lebanon will drag the occupying Israeli army back into mud and into a quagmire where bombs are not made of iron but of human bodies," Hizbullah chief Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said.

"All of us are ready...to present our blood for the sake of our people and its dignity and freedom," the cleric told an election rally in the eastern Bekaa Valley, which was broadcast live by Hizbullah's al-Manar television in Beirut.

Nasrallah was speaking hours after IAF helicopters fired rockets at suspected Hizbullah targets in the eastern sector of the security zone, heightening fears that the IDF may mount a large-scale offensive.

In Jerusalem, the IDF Spokesman said the helicopters fired at a structure in which Hizbullah gunmen were believed to be hiding.

The pilots reported direct hits on their targets, the spokesman said.

A senior Lebanese official said on Thursday that Beirut was taking seriously a warning by SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad of possible wide Israeli retaliation if Hizbullah stepped up attacks on IDF troops.

But Lahad said on Friday that he was giving his own analysis, rather than conveying a message from Israel.



A Ukrainian hassid talks to a militiaman during a Rosh Hashana celebration in Uman, the hometown of Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav. More than 6,000 hassidim from all over the world went there to celebrate the holiday. (Reuters)

## Volcker calls for patience in Holocaust funds search

ZURICH (Reuters) - Prominent US banker Paul Volcker pledged on Friday that a commission he heads would do its best to search for dormant accounts in Swiss banks left by Holocaust victims, but said the huge task would take time.

Volcker, a high-powered New York banker who once headed the US Federal Reserve central bank, said he was convinced Jewish groups, Swiss bankers and the Swiss government were dedicated to work together to find the truth.

But he told reporters after two days of talks in Switzerland that the painstaking search through banking records up to six decades old would take at least a year to finish and would probably not satisfy everyone in the end.

"There is a common desire to investigate and review this matter in a systematic and thorough way so that... the issue can be put to rest once and for all 50 years after the war," he said after meeting Jewish groups, bankers and government officials.

"With the best will in the world... it is something that is going to take time. It is a very detailed process... to provide the kind of assurance people want."

The panel, which includes representatives of Jewish groups and the Swiss Bankers Association, will go through bank records to check banks' own survey that found 39 million Swiss francs (\$31.4 million) in accounts that might stem from the Holocaust.

The World Jewish Congress has called that figure too low and said billions of dollars in assets might have been stashed away from the Nazi regime by Jews afraid of losing their lives and property. It says the wealth might still be in Swiss banks.

Volcker took pains to point out his panel would check only dormant accounts in Swiss banks, and not try to track down another hot topic - gold stocks the Nazis looted from vanquished nations and peoples and then moved to Switzerland.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Two people found dead

The body of a 91-year-old man who had been missing for several days was found in the Yarkon River in Tel Aviv yesterday. The body was taken to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kahir, where he was identified as Julian Tzumugura, of Ramat Gan, who was reported missing on September 11.

In Eilat, a drug addict was found dead Friday, sitting on a bench near a commercial center. Passersby who noticed the man sitting for a long period without moving called an ambulance to the scene. MDA medics failed to revive the man, who was in his 20s, and who had apparently ingested drugs right before his death. *Itim*

### Mild earthquake hits Eilat

A mild earthquake registering 4.6 on the Richter scale hit Eilat at 5:20 a.m. yesterday. Its epicenter was about 100 kilometers south of Eilat, in the Gulf of Eilat. The earthquake was felt by some residents, but there were no injuries or reports of damage. *Itim*

### 16 youths arrested at drug party

Sixteen youths taking part in a drug party were arrested on Friday in the Ofer Forest, near Zichron Ya'acov. Police confiscated large quantities of marijuana, hashish and smoking paraphernalia. *Itim*

### Livnat calls Bezeq country's best company

Bezeq is the economy's outstanding company, Communications Minister Limor Livnat said Friday, at a Bezeq ceremony for its outstanding workers. Livnat said Bezeq has "excellent managers and workers," and cited director-general Yitzhak Kaul for "turning it into a really excellent establishment." *Judy Siegel*

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Location	Temp
Haifa	21-28
Tiberias	21-32
Afula	20-30
Sarnaria	18-28
Tel Aviv	22-28
Jerusalem	18-25
Beer Sheva	18-30
Dead Sea	29-34
Eilat	25-37
Golan	17-25

Forecast: Partly cloudy drop in temperature.

**AROUND THE WORLD**

Location	Low	High	Cloud
Amsterdam	07	16	cloudy
Antwerp	07	16	rain
Berlin	08	17	rain
Bombay	23	32	rain
Brussels	07	16	rain
Chicago	14	21	rain
Copenhagen	09	16	rain
Dublin	07	16	rain
Frankfurt	11	17	rain
Geneva	08	16	rain
Hamburg	08	16	rain
Hong Kong	24	27	rain
London	08	16	rain
Madrid	15	25	rain
Moscow	12	18	rain
New York	18	25	rain
Paris	08	16	rain
Stockholm	07	16	rain
Toronto	07	16	rain
Warsaw	07	16	rain
Zurich	07	16	rain

**Winning numbers**  
 In last night's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 10 of spades, ace of hearts, eight of diamonds and queen of clubs.

## Ramle teen severely beaten with iron bar by her brothers

Raine Marcus

A 15-YEAR-OLD Ramle girl is recovering in Assaf Harofeh Hospital from severe injuries caused by her two older brothers, who beat her with an iron bar after she "took too long" to return from buying their cigarettes.

The incident occurred Saturday night when the brothers, age 21 and 25, sent their sister out to buy them cigarettes. When she returned five hours later, they began to beat her with an iron bar because, said police, they suspected she had been hanging around with undesirable.

They refused to believe her explanation that she had simply gone to visit other girlfriends, and continued beating her, causing her multiple fractures, bruises and cuts all over her body.

Neighbors, hearing screams from the apartment, alerted Ramle police who took the girl to the hospital and arrested the brothers and their mother, who had been in the house at the time.

According to police this was not the first time that the girl has been subjected to severe acts of violence by her two brothers. Her mother reportedly said that she suspected her daughter was hanging out with the wrong crowd, which apparently in her eyes justified continual beatings.

Police have alerted the local social affairs department, which is now expected to decide what happens to the girl. Although her condition was described yesterday as serious, she was still conscious and police conducted a preliminary investigation at her bedside.

## IDF honors 60 reservists for outstanding service

THEY came from kibbutzim, development towns, cities and suburbs. One even flew in from New York. Another showed up with his grandchildren. They brought weathered field fatigues, but were outfitted in dress uniforms and real ranks they hadn't

worn in decades. They spoke of duty and modesty and sacrifice, but some admitted they were "odd birds."

They were the 60 men the IDF chose to honor on Thursday in its first-ever ceremony to give excellent service awards for reservists. The ceremony, held at the campus of the IDF Staff and Command College, was arranged as a way of generating motivation to serve.

"I love reserve duty," says Slnmon Alfasi, who at 57 has seen scores of reservists come and go in his unit. "When people I know get called up and I don't, I telephone my unit and find out what happened and why I wasn't sent a notice."

The army insists the idea is not a gimmick and was conceived over six months ago. It was to have taken place on Independence Day. But Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak delayed it until before Rosh Hashana because he wanted to differentiate between the outstanding regular soldiers honored then and the honor accorded the reservists.

"It is occurring now by coincidence, so it seems that there is some kind of link with the [recent national debate about] motivation."

"But when we decided on this it was totally divorced from thoughts that in the month of August and September the prob-

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lem of motivation would arise," said Brig.-Gen. On Ragonis, deputy OC Manpower.

"Since some reserve soldiers are of high quality and good soldiers and we don't know how to compensate them with money or such, then it is important for the commanders and for all of the nation to know that there is a quality group which contributes more and serves as an example to others," Ragonis said.

Gathering on the lawn of the college, the group of 30 reserve officers and 30 reserve NCOs mingled around tables piled high with chicken and salads and introduced their families to the army which has at long last shown some gratitude for their sacrifice.

At 59, Asher Greenberger is undoubtedly the oldest paratrooper in the IDF.

A veteran of the 1956 Sinai Campaign, Greenberger says he volunteers for reserve duty as a symbol of motivation so that those who evade service should be ashamed.

"I've got 12 grandchildren, and I just finished three weeks of reserve duty," said Greenberger, who last parachuted eight years ago.

"Once the appreciation for doing reserve duty was understood. Today we have to show

how it's important and hold ceremonies like these to transmit to the nation that we are appreciated."

Greenberger, smiling through his bushy mustache, said his son is an officer in the reserves and that he will continue serving as long as he is physically capable.

These sentiments were echoed by Alfasi, who has spent nearly three decades as a driver of a "Zelda" half-track.

"I never missed a day of reserve duty. I'll do it as long as the army needs me," Alfasi said.

But not all of the reservists were volunteers. Corp. Sheldon Tarre, 42, was chosen for the award from his entire reserve artillery division.

"When they called me up from the unit I thought it was because they never got my confirmation for our upcoming duty," said Tarre, who suspected he may have confounded things by returning it after scribbling on it "Happy Holidays."

"When they told me I was chosen I was a little embarrassed. I'm a big guy but shy," says the 1.95 meter native of Long Beach, California, now a member of Kihuziz Yagur. Tarre said there were others in his unit who deserve the recognition.

Tarre immigrated 15 years ago and did a four-month-long "Shiv Bet" tour of duty in 1985. In the 11 years since he has served as a

gunner for an artillery unit he has never asked for a deferral of reserve duty.

"I know it's part of living here so I do it. It's difficult," says Tarre, who despite his origins feels more comfortable speaking Hebrew than English. "I'm just honored to have the right to defend this state."

Another reservist, who was no doubt spending more time speaking English than Hebrew in New York, returned especially for the ceremony.

During the height of the intifada, a stone thrown by a Palestinian in the Nahlihus casbah shattered the leg of reserve Maj. Guy Gutman. After his recovery, he returned to his unit as company commander and then deputy battalion commander.

He also put himself through medical school, something made even more difficult by the fact that, as an officer, he was often called for reserve duty over 50 days a year.

"I never got out of reserve duty. It's hard but I manage," said Gutman, 29.

"There are dozens of officers like me who deserve the recognition."

He dismissed calls for extending tax breaks or other financial compensation to combat reserve soldiers, saying the public recognition, as well as improving supplies to reservists, is the best remedy for the dropping motivation to serve.

"Perhaps it's old-fashioned to say this, but I do reserve duty out of a sense of Zionism, for the state. In my unit the critical mass feels this way," Gutman said. "I guess we are all odd birds."

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